# The Devastating Consequences of Medicaid Cuts

Chairman Bob Casey, Senate Committee on Aging

## More than 480,500 Utahns rely on Medicaid & CHIP

Cuts to Medicaid would disproportionately hurt children, older adults, people with disabilities, and people of color by eliminating their health care access and coverage.



### **Cutting Care for Children**

More than 79% of eligible children in Utah are supported by Medicaid and/or CHIP. Cuts would disproportionately hurt children with the lowest incomes and the highest health care needs.<sup>3</sup>



# Blocking Access for Pregnant Women and Newborns

Nearly 9,900 births (21%) in Utah per year are covered by Medicaid. A cut to Medicaid would prevent mothers from obtaining the care they need. <sup>4</sup>



# Increasing Disparities for Communities of Color

Medicaid covers nearly 33% of adults of color in Utah ages 18-65. <sup>5</sup> A decrease in Medicaid funding would directly impact access to the communities that need it the most.



# Curbing Health Care Access for People with Disabilities

Medicaid covers 45% of nonelderly adults with disabilities nationwide, roughly 10 million people. They depend on Medicaid for services in order to thrive in their communities.



#### Cuts to Medicare Beneficiaries

Cuts to Medicaid could impact more than 43,100 dually-eligible Utahns who rely on the program to help pay their Medicare premiums and co-pays.<sup>7</sup>



### Disrupting Nursing Home Care

Cuts to Medicaid could disrupt care for 57% of nursing home residents in Utah who use Medicaid as their primary payer to stay in a nursing facility.<sup>8</sup>



## House Republicans' Proposed Cuts Threaten Care For Americans At Risk

The House Republicans' bill puts nearly 127,400 Utahns at risk of losing Medicaid coverage and could lead to gaps in health care coverage and undermine family economic security.<sup>9</sup>



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