

# The Devastating Consequences of Medicaid Cuts

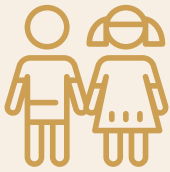
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Nearly 2.2 million Washingtonians rely on Medicaid & CHIP<sup>1</sup>

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 95% of eligible children in the state are supported by Medicaid and/or CHIP.<sup>2</sup> 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 28,000 births (33%) in Washington 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 50% of adults of color in Washington 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.<sup>6</sup> They depend on Medicaid for services in order to thrive in their communities.



## Cuts to Medicare Beneficiaries

Cuts to Medicaid could impact nearly 217,700 dually-eligible Washingtonians who rely on the program to help pay their Medicare premiums and co-pays.<sup>7</sup>



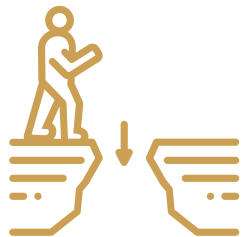
## Disrupting Nursing Home Care

Cuts to Medicaid could disrupt care for 61% of nursing home residents in Washington 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 more than 752,000 Washingtonians 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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