

NO MEDICAID CUTS

The Republican Plan for Medicaid Will Harm Colorado

Health First Colorado is the state's Medicaid program. Nearly [1.2](#) million Coloradans rely on Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP).

Republican Cuts to Medicaid Put Coloradans' Health and Coverage At-Risk

Every proposal on the Republican [wish list](#) of more than \$2 trillion Medicaid cuts is bad news for Coloradans. Medicaid cuts would harm children, older adults, and families, ripping away their health care access and coverage. Republican Medicaid cuts would:

Cut Care for Children. More than [34%](#) of children in Colorado are enrolled in Medicaid or CHIP. Around [33%](#) of kids with special health care needs, such as a physical or behavioral disability, rely on Medicaid in Colorado. Cuts would [disproportionately hurt children](#) with the lowest incomes and the highest health care needs.

Block Access for Pregnant Women and Newborns. Nearly [22,000](#) births ([36%](#)) in Colorado per year are covered by Medicaid. A cut to Medicaid would prevent mothers and babies from getting the care they need.

Increase Disparities for Communities of Color. Around [57%](#) of children and adults with Medicaid in Colorado are people of color. A decrease in Medicaid funding would reduce access for the communities that need it the most.

Curb Health Care Access for People with Disabilities. Medicaid covers over [222,000](#) people with a disability in Colorado. Only [27%](#) receive Supplemental Security Income,

meaning many do not qualify for Medicaid on the basis of their disability and could be subject to Republican policies like work reporting. People with disabilities often depend on Medicaid for services in order to thrive in their communities.

Create Barriers to Behavioral Health Services. Nearly [96,000](#) Medicaid beneficiaries were treated for a substance use disorder in Colorado in 2021. Medicaid cuts and eligibility restrictions threaten lifesaving treatment for people with behavioral health needs.

Cut Coverage for Medicare Beneficiaries. More than [127,000](#) dually-eligible Coloradans rely on Medicaid to help pay their Medicare premiums and co-pays. For these enrollees, a cut to Medicaid is a cut to Medicare.

Disrupt Nursing Home Care. Cuts to Medicaid could disrupt care for [62%](#) of nursing home residents in Colorado who use Medicaid to pay for care in a nursing home.

Bottom Line:

Republican proposals to cut Medicaid will result in Coloradans losing Medicaid coverage—and there is no acceptable coverage loss. No Medicaid cuts to Coloradans to fund tax handouts to billionaires.