NO MEDICAID CUTS

The Republican Plan for Medicaid Will Harm Indiana

More than <u>1.8</u> million Hoosiers rely on <u>Medicaid</u> and the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP).

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

Every proposal on the Republican <u>wish list</u> of more than \$2 trillion in Medicaid cuts is bad news for Hoosiers. 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. Around 37% of children in Indiana are enrolled in Medicaid or CHIP. Around 53% of kids with special health care needs, such as a physical or behavioral disability, rely on Medicaid in Indiana. Cuts would disproportionately hurt children with the lowest incomes and the highest health care needs.

Block Access for Pregnant Women and Newborns. More than 32,000 births (41%) in Indiana 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 40% of children and adults with Medicaid in Indiana 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 340,500 people with a disability in Indiana. Only 24% 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. More than 120,000 Medicaid beneficiaries were treated for a substance use disorder in Indiana in 2021. Medicaid cuts and eligibility restrictions threaten lifesaving treatment for people with behavioral health needs.

Cut Coverage for Medicare Beneficiaries.

More than <u>238,000</u> dually-eligible Hoosiers 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 <u>66%</u> of nursing home residents in Indiana who use Medicaid to pay for care in a nursing home.

Bottom Line:

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



