

# The Future of Medicaid is in Your Hands

**No Cuts! No Caps!**  
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## **US Senate is working on Health Care!**

The US House passed American Health Care Act (AHCA) cuts over \$800 billion from Medicaid. These cuts will have devastating consequences for people with developmental disabilities. Recently, President Trump released his budget proposal which cuts an **additional \$616 billion from Medicaid**. The combined proposed Medicaid cuts from AHCA and Pres. Trump's budget total over **\$1.4 TRILLION** dollars.

The health care bill action has moved to the US Senate. A recent report rumors the Senate plans to keep 80% of what the House passed in the AHCA, creating a Senate bill that has been nicknamed the "AHCA Lite".

**Advocacy must continue to prevent the passage of any Senate health care bill that cuts and caps Medicaid.** We urge you to keep making calls, keep rallying, and keep sharing your stories.

## **Let US Senators know the importance of Medicaid to you or your loved one.**

Share what kinds of services it provides. Ask them questions you need answered, such as:

Will my supports be reduced? Will they go away?

Will I have to quit my job to care for my loved one?

Will I (or my loved one) have to move to a facility because community supports are cut?

Will I be put on a waiting list?

Will I now pay for services that were covered in the past, like prescription drugs?

Here is a link to The Arc of WA website to take action now: <http://capwiz.com/arcwa/state/main/?state=WA>

## **Medicaid is an important partnership of the federal government and the states**

Medicaid represents \$1 out of every \$6 spent on health care in the U.S. and is the major source of financing for states to provide coverage to meet health and long-term needs of low-income populations. Washington State draws down billions in federal Medicaid funding enabling our limited state funds to go farther and serve more people; for most Medicaid the federal government pays 50 cents of every dollar. The newly established Community First Choice program draws down 56 cents on the dollar. People with disabilities nationally make up 15% of Medicaid enrollment but account for 42% of program spending.

## **Medicaid touches all our lives.**

People with developmental disabilities make up part of the Medicaid population. Thousands of Washingtonians with DD (adults and children) depend upon Medicaid-funded services.

- Over 44,000 people are clients of the Developmental Disabilities Administration (DDA)
- Of those more than 13,000 receive personal care services through Community First Choice that support them to get out of bed, get dressed, bathe and eat meals
- Apple Health is also Medicaid funded; Any person receiving DDA services receives Medicaid funding.

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