

The Future of Medicaid is in Your Hands

Blow up the Phones!

No Cuts! No Caps!

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The US House passed American Health Care Act (AHCA) cuts over \$800 billion from Medicaid. President Trump's budget proposal cuts an additional \$616 billion from Medicaid. The combined proposed Medicaid cuts total over \$1.4 TRILLION dollars. This will be devastating to people with developmental disabilities.

The health care bill action is in the US Senate. Rumor is, the Senate plans to keep 80% of what the House passed which includes cuts and caps to Medicaid. The US Senate is hiding their bill and plans to vote on it very soon without a single Congressional hearing. They are not considering the input from constituents, experts or opponents to call attention to the impacts of the bill.

We need public hearings before a vote.

**Advocacy must continue to prevent the passage of any
Senate health care bill that cuts and caps Medicaid.**

**Here are a few things you can do right now to help continue advocacy for
Medicaid:**

- Call the Congressional Switchboard number, the number is 202-224-3121, and share your stories.
- “Blow up the Phones” - keep making calls every day.
- Contact your family and friends in other states. Ask them to call their US Senators, too.

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 supporting 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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