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Members of Congress are meeting right now to consider which of the proposed \$2.17 trillion in federal Medicaid cuts will be included in a major reconciliation bill. This bill can move quickly and pass with fewer votes, so **it's critical that they hear from you NOW**. Tell them Medicaid cuts should not be included.

Ideas to cut Federal money spent on Medicaid and health care*

- #1 Medicaid Block Grants
- #2 Decrease amount of Federal Medicaid dollars (FMAP) going to states
- #3 Limit amount of Medicaid dollars that can be spent on one person (per capita or lifetime cap)
- #4 Law or policy changes to make it easier for states to cut Medicaid or keep people out of Medicaid programs
- #5 Stop states from using money from Provider Taxes and other sources as part of state Medicaid match
- #6 Change what must be covered under Affordable Care Act (ACA)
- #7 Stop Federal money that lowers Affordable Care Act (ACA) premiums
- #8 Lower or stop Federal funding for Medicaid expansion population

*There are more ideas in reports that would impact Medicaid beyond the 8 listed above.
1/13 House list of spending cuts released by Politico includes circled items and additional cuts to Medicaid.
1/14 U.S. Supreme Court agreed to take a case that could impact what must be covered under the ACA.

Congress's ideas to cut Medicaid would mean much less federal Medicaid money would be available to help fund Wisconsin's Medicaid programs. Federal Medicaid funding cuts will leave states with budget holes too big to fill and bad choices to make – eliminate needed care, reduce the care and services people need, and/or pay providers less to provide care. The proposed cuts are so large they will impact everyone in Medicaid. **Some proposed cuts are already gaining traction, but your calls are making others reconsider.** Members of Congress want and need to know how cuts would affect their constituents and the financial health of their communities. **Make your voice heard!**

Take Action: Contact Your Federal Legislators

Make three phone calls today!

1. Contact Wisconsin's two U.S. Senators, **Sen. Tammy Baldwin** (202) 224-5653 and **Sen. Ron Johnson** (202) 224-5323 and **your U.S. Representative** (use your zip code to [Look up your U.S. Representative](#)). When you call, **ask to speak to the staff person in charge of Medicaid or Health policy**. Let them know you are a constituent, and your issue is time sensitive. Let them know how

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Medicaid helps you, your family, or someone you care about and what it would mean if services and supports were reduced or stopped. Urge your legislators to reject any proposals that reduce federal Medicaid funding.

2. After you hang up the phone, **send a follow up e-mail** with your name, contact information, and your Medicaid story. **Sending an e-mail helps them remember the details you shared.** See [Wisconsin Members of the 119th Congress](#) for contact information.

More information on Medicaid in Wisconsin:

Wisconsin uses federal Medicaid funding to pay for the health and long-term care of people in [Wisconsin's 19 state Medicaid programs](#) and to pay the workers that provide care for people enrolled in those programs. **1.2 M people** (18% of Wisconsin's population) get health or long-term care coverage through Medicaid. Federal funding pays for the majority (60%) of the state's Medicaid costs.

Wisconsin's workforce and many jobs depend on Medicaid. Medicaid funds pay workers' salaries and support small businesses, hospitals, mental health professionals, therapists, school based medical services, and many other jobs in every corner of Wisconsin.

Medicaid funds almost all long-term care, including care provided in Wisconsin's skilled nursing facilities and the state's home and community-based programs—Family Care, IRIS, and the Children's Long-Term Support (CLTS) program.

Medicaid is also the main funding source for **mental health services**.

Veterans, older adults, people living with disabilities or dementia, foster kids, people with mental illness, unpaid caregivers who have had to leave the workforce to provide care, low wage paid caregivers, low-income children and families depend on Medicaid.

Core member organizations

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Mission

The Wisconsin Aging Advocacy Network (WAAN) works with and for all older adults by educating community members and policy makers on priority issues while advocating for meaningful change. Learn more at <https://gwaar.org/waan>.

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