



ACTION ALERT!

#SaveMedicaid: Week of Action



Join Disability Advocates in Week of Action to Save Medicaid!

The U.S. House of Representatives is Proposing to Cut Medicaid and Transforming the Program from an Entitlement Program to a State Program with Fixed Spending

The House of Representatives introduced the American Healthcare Act on March 6, 2017. Two House Committees passed the bill last week. This bill will have devastating effects on access to basic healthcare and Medicaid funded services and supports for America's most vulnerable populations: Children; people with disabilities, including individuals with brain injury; seniors; and low income Americans. The bill is moving through the House quickly and will reach the Senate soon. Join us to tell Congress that ***Medicaid cuts and caps are dangerous and unacceptable!!***

Twenty-three States administer 27 brain injury Home and Community-Based Medicaid waiver programs providing rehabilitation, in-home supports, personal care, therapies and many more services to enable individuals to live as independently as possible -- in addition to State Plan benefits offered to Medicaid eligible individuals, such as emergency medical services, acute care, rehabilitation, outpatient services, and nursing facility services. Should the House Republican plan be enacted, then the responsibility for determining eligibility and services/benefits offered would be determined by the State -- based on the amount of federal funding Congress provides. States will be scrambling to find State funds to pick up the costs of health and long-term care, especially when new health care issues emerge or the economy takes a nose dive and/or the population ages. No State program will be off limits -- and all

populations and healthcare/service providers will be fighting for the same resources.

Changing the Medicaid program from an entitlement program to a block grant or to one with per capita caps will *truly have devastating consequences for individuals dependent on healthcare and long-term care delivery systems.*

How can You Participate? See the Social Media toolkit below.

- [Join the Thunderclap](#) by 8am (ET), **Thursday, March 16.**
- **March 13: Twitter Day of Action
'No Cuts and Caps' Day**
Tweet and Facebook and call your Members of Congress telling them how harmful Medicaid cuts and caps will be. Call (202) 224-3121 or (202) 456-1111.
- **Tuesday, March 14: Twitter Day of Action
'HCBS are Best' Day**
Tweet and Facebook and call your Members of Congress and share how important HCBS waivers and services are to you and your family.
- **Wednesday, March 15: Twitter Day of Action
'Impacted People' Day**
Tweet and Facebook and call your Members of Congress with stories of how cuts to Medicaid will have severe impacts to people with disabilities, seniors, children, and low-income Americans.
- **Thursday, March 16: Thunderclap/Medicaid Call-In**
The Thunderclap will go out at 10am (ET) today. Make sure you've signed up by 8am (ET) and share with your networks! Additionally, call your Members of Congress and tell them, "I need you to oppose the American Health Care Act because the caps on Medicaid funding will be extremely damaging to people with brain injury and many others. Please save Medicaid." Continue to tweet and Facebook and email messages, especially if lines are busy or voicemail is full.
- **Friday, March 17: Twitter Day of Action
'Don't Cut My Services' Day**
Tweet and Facebook and call your Member of Congress tell them not to cut services provided under Medicaid. Call: (202) 224-3121 or (202) 456-1111.

Click here: [Social Media Toolkit for #SaveMedicaid](#)

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