

NO MEDICAID CUTS

The Republican Plan for Medicaid Will Harm Kids

Medicaid Is A Lifeline for Children

Nearly [38 million kids](#) are enrolled in Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP), covering around [2 in 5 children](#) in the United States. Kids account for nearly 50% of total program enrollment in Medicaid/CHIP. Medicaid also covers [more than 40%](#) of all births.

More than [1 in 3 kids](#) in the median school district rely on Medicaid for access to comprehensive and preventive health services. Children [enrolled](#) in Medicaid miss fewer school days, are more likely to graduate from high school, grow up to be healthier, and earn higher wages in adulthood. Millions of kids receive school-based services, like [mental health](#), through Medicaid.

Medicaid covers [2.3 million children with disabilities](#). [Nearly half](#) of children with special health care needs, such as a physical or behavioral disability, are enrolled in Medicaid. Nearly [700,000 kids](#), many with disabilities, rely on Medicaid for long-term services and support.

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

Every proposal on the Republican [wish list](#) of more than \$2 trillion in Medicaid cuts is bad news for kids and families—cuts of this magnitude would slash 1/3rd of federal Medicaid spending. These proposals include but are not limited to:

- **Rolling Back Improvements that Help Kids Get Coverage and Keep It:** Repealing or delaying the Medicaid Eligibility and Enrollment final rule would undo key protections for children enrolled in CHIP, allowing states to once again impose annual and lifetime benefit limits, lockout periods, and waiting periods for coverage.
- **Cutting Coverage for Parents Through Work Reporting:** [Research shows](#) parents losing Medicaid coverage puts health coverage and access at risk for the entire family. Republican proposals to impose work reporting requirements will result in millions of parents losing coverage—with kids also feeling the impact.
- **Sabotaging States' Ability to Adequately Pay Providers:** Republican proposals could represent a double-whammy for states' ability to ensure kids have access and health care providers are adequately paid. By shifting costs to states and limiting their ability to finance their own programs, often through provider taxes used in [nearly all states](#), states will have to slash Medicaid reimbursement rates, including for [children's hospitals](#) and rural hospitals.
- **Cutting Coverage and Services by Pushing Costs Onto States:** Dramatically reducing federal Medicaid spending through proposals like per capita caps, shifting administrative costs to states, and cutting the federal share, including for Medicaid expansion, will force states to slash services, benefits, and eligibility, including for kids and parents.

Bottom Line:

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

