Action Alert Template for 4/29 POCIL Statewide Day of Action

Language for email for CALLS to Congress

Send a message to Congress: No Medicaid Cuts for Billionaire Tax Breaks

Donald Trump and Republicans in Congress are trying to gut Medicaid—terminating health insurance for millions of Americans to fund \$4.5 trillion in tax breaks for billionaires and big corporations.

We need to fight back NOW.

Medicaid is a lifeline, providing access to health care for 3.4 million Illinoisans. Proposed cuts put care at risk for every single person enrolled in Medicaid, including 2 in 3 seniors in nursing homes, 1 in 3 people with disabilities, and half of our state's children.

Cutting funding and placing restrictions on Medicaid won't just make us sicker, it'll increase the cost of health care — adding to the growing medical debt crisis in our country that already impacts 4 in 10 adults.

Call 866-426-2631 now to be connected to your representatives in Congress. Here is our suggested script:

Hello, my name is [Your Name] and I live in [Town/City]. I'm calling because I'm a constituent and I'm deeply concerned about potential cuts to Medicaid and other essential programs. These cuts would hurt families while benefiting the wealthy with big tax breaks. Please vote NO on Medicaid cuts to protect your constituents.

You can also use this form to send an urgent message to your representatives demanding they protect Medicaid and reject these dangerous cuts.

Language for email sent by constituent to member of Congress

As one of your constituents, I urge you to protect and preserve Medicaid, a foundational source of health and economic security for 80 million Americans, including 3.4 million Illinoisans.

Any proposals to cap funding, reduce the federal share of Medicaid spending, establish block grants, institute work reporting and community engagement requirements, cut state revenue from provider taxes or otherwise undermine the fundamental structure of the Medicaid program will all have disastrous consequences. Families will lose access to lifesaving services, states will be strapped with massive budget holes, hospitals and clinics will lose revenue, forcing them to scale back services, and American families and workers will be unable to afford essential care to help them stay healthy.

Last November, voters like me went to the polls to hold policymakers accountable for delivering better affordability for everyday needs like buying groceries, paying rent, or getting health care. Proposals to cut Medicaid would do the exact opposite: shifting costs onto working class families, our state, our doctors, and our hospitals. This is unacceptable.

I urge you to reject any cuts to Medicaid and instead take action to lower costs and protect access to health care for people and families like mine.

Graphics to use on social media

Cost and Coverage has a bunch of great graphics to use. <u>I've downloaded some and</u> <u>saved them here.</u>

Language to promote on social media

Congress wants to cut \$2.3 trillion from Medicaid, but rushed, reckless spending cuts like this will have serious consequences—and children, seniors in long-term care, and people with disabilities will lose the care they count on.

Call 866-426-2631 now and tell your member of Congress: Hands off Medicaid!

Cutting \$2.3 trillion from Medicaid means abandoning seniors in long-term care and bankrupting families – putting essential treatments and care out of reach for millions of Americans. Our families can't afford this.

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Rushing through cuts to Medicaid will strip insurance from millions and send costs skyrocketing. Families are already struggling with rising costs – without coverage, more people will be at risk of taking on crushing medical debt.

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Medicaid covers seniors in long-term care like nursing homes. Right now, Congress is trying to cut \$2.3 trillion from Medicaid. That would mean abandoning our seniors, taking away coverage they've paid into over a lifetime of hard work, and bankrupting their families in the process.

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Children rely on Medicaid for a healthy start. If \$2.3 trillion is cut from Medicaid, millions of children would be at risk of losing access to early screening and detection. These cuts to Medicaid are reckless and rushed—our families can't afford them.

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