

Dear Honorable Members of the Illinois Congressional Delegation,

We, the undersigned members of the Illinois General Assembly, urge you and your colleagues to vote against cuts or harmful changes to the Medicaid program.

Medicaid is vital coverage for 3.4 million Illinois residents including 1.5 million children (almost half of all children in the state) and serves as the backbone of our healthcare delivery system which serves all Illinois residents. Medicaid operates as a state and federal partnership and any changes at the federal level will have a direct impact on state budgets, not to mention patients and providers in our districts. From urban to rural communities and everywhere in between, tens of thousands of Medicaid beneficiaries reside [in each of our districts](#). Rural and urban hospitals depend on Medicaid to [keep providing in-patient care](#).

***We urge our colleagues in Congress to vote NO on any cuts or changes to Medicaid that would result in cost-shifting to the state and reducing patient eligibility and benefits and/or healthcare provider reimbursement.***

While cuts to Medicaid may result in short-term savings, taking care away from millions of Illinoisans comes at a significant, long-term cost. Illinois Medicaid is efficient: [we are 44th in the nation](#) for Medicaid spending per enrollee and Medicaid costs are well below those for private insurance. Medicaid helps keep everyone's healthcare costs down by reducing our uninsured rate.

It is also critical to keeping rural hospitals' and community health centers' doors open and providing jobs throughout the State. Medicaid is also the primary payor of mental health and substance use treatment services in addition to enabling coverage for people with disabilities and older adults needing long-term care.

The bottom line is that Medicaid enables Illinoisans to stay healthy and engaged in their jobs, families, and communities. We hope that we can partner to ensure that this continues to be the case for years to come.

Sincerely,

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