

PROTECT OUR CARE

Senate Majority Leader Nicole Cannizzaro and Children's Advocacy Alliance Executive Director Holly Welborn to Join Protect Our Care Nevada and Highlight Medicaid's Critical Role in America



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Las Vegas, NV– Today, Senate Majority Leader Nicole Cannizzaro and Children's Advocacy Alliance Executive Director Holly Welborn joined Protect Our Care Nevada to highlight the vital role the Medicaid program serves in providing affordable health care coverage and access to services for Nevadans. One in four Americans relies on Medicaid for access to health care, and the program serves people from all backgrounds, including children, mothers, people of color, people with disabilities, working families, rural Americans, and seniors.

April marks the [seventh annual Medicaid Awareness Month](#) and speakers shared what President Biden and Democrats in Congress have done to strengthen Medicaid in the face of

ongoing attacks from Republicans who want to severely cut funding for the program and limit access to care.

Democrats have created incentives for states to expand Medicaid through the Affordable Care Act, stopped onerous work requirements, pushed for expanded postpartum coverage, and worked to minimize the impacts of Medicaid unwinding. Meanwhile, Republicans have proposed [slashing trillions of dollars](#) from Medicaid through capping federal funding and other draconian measures designed to reduce the number of Medicaid beneficiaries through bureaucratic tripwires that kick them off the program. If Republicans get their way and repeal Medicaid expansion, [374,633](#) Nevadan's coverage will be at risk. When it comes to health care, the contrast between Democrats and Republicans health care agenda couldn't be clearer.

"Medicaid covers more than 40% of births in the United States. Thanks to the American Rescue Plan, states were given the option to extend coverage to new mothers for one year postpartum, which improves maternal health outcomes. In Nevada I made that permanent by sponsoring and passing Senate Bill 232. New mothers in Nevada went from having 2 months of postpartum coverage to 12 months." - Senate Majority Leader Nicole Cannizzaro

"Today we learned, more than one in four Americans are covered through Medicaid and CHIP and that these programs serve people from all backgrounds including children, mothers, people of color, people with disabilities, working families, rural Americans, and seniors. We must work on expanding Medicaid coverage so that the remaining 55,000 children in Nevada without healthcare get the coverage they need to live healthy lives" - Holly Welborn, Children's Advocacy Alliance Executive Director

You can watch the full event [here](#), and learn more about how Medicaid benefits Americans across the country [here](#).

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