

Defend Medicaid from Republican Budget Cuts

BACKGROUND

Republicans are advancing a budget reconciliation bill to [fund tax cuts for the wealthy](#) that, if finalized, [will necessitate](#) millions in Medicaid cuts. Medicaid provides **health insurance** for [72 million](#) low-income and disabled Americans. The program is [jointly funded and administered by states/territories and the federal government](#), with the federal government covering a greater share of Medicaid costs in poorer states. Republicans are weighing [two primary options to gut Medicaid](#): *cutting federal funding for Medicaid expansion* and *imposing work requirements*.

Allowing Medicaid cuts into the budget could feed into a stand off and government shut down in September when the current budget extension expires. **We need to get the message out now that should the Senate have to vote against the budget, it will be to save Medicaid for millions.**

Phone numbers of US representatives

Senator Elizabeth Warren: (202) 224-4543 or (413) 788-2690

Senator Ed Markey: (202) 224-2742 or (413) 785-4610

Jim McGovern: (413) 341-8700 or (202) 225-6101

Richard Neal: (413) 785-0325 or (202) 225-5601

WHEN CALLING THE REPS BELOW, STATE YOU ARE CALLING THEM IN THEIR CAPACITY AS ...

- * Mike Johnson, House Speaker: (202) 225-2777 or (337) 423-4232
- * Hakeem Jeffries, House Minority Leader: (202) 225-5936 or (718) 237-2211
- * Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer: (518) 431-4070 or (607) 772-6792 or (202) 224-6542
- * Senate Majority Leader John Thune: (202) 224-2321

SCRIPT

Hello, my name is [NAME] and I'm a constituent from [CITY, ZIP].

I'm calling to urge [REP/SEN NAME] to oppose any budget reconciliation bill that cuts Medicaid, reduces Medicaid expansion, or imposes Medicaid work

requirements. Medicaid is a lifeline for millions of Americans and rural health systems. [\[Include your personal sentence here.\]](#) Reducing its federal budget would cut off millions of people from needed health care and destroy lives and local economies.

Will you publicly defend Medicaid from tax cuts for the billionaires? We need videos of our leaders standing up to protect our healthcare to share on social media. Can you provide us with a video of you taking a stand on this issue on the floor of your chamber?

Please let me know as soon as possible.

Thank you for your time and consideration.