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Defending Medicaid - No Cuts Impacting Disability Rights

✓ Our Ask

- (1) Reject all proposals to cut Medicaid funding.
- (2) Protect and strengthen Medicaid to ensure people with disabilities maintain access to essential healthcare, long-term services and supports (LTSS), and community-based living options.

Summary of the Problem

Proposed Medicaid cuts would disproportionately harm people with disabilities by:

- Reducing access to life-sustaining healthcare services (e.g., therapies, equipment, medications).
- Eliminating or limiting LTSS, potentially restricting access to community living.
- Threatening home and community-based services (HCBS) that enable independence, integration, and self-determination.

These cuts undermine disability rights and exacerbate existing inequities in healthcare access.

Proposed Solution

Protect and expand Medicaid funding to uphold the rights of people with disabilities by:

- (1) Opposing block grants, per-capita caps, and other mechanisms that reduce federal support for Medicaid.
- (2) Investing in HCBS to promote community integration and independence.
- (3) Strengthening Medicaid's role in providing accessible, affordable, and comprehensive healthcare.

Facts and Data

- Over 72,000,000 people in the United States were enrolled in Medicaid in October 2024.
- Medicaid currently covers more than 10,000,000 non-elderly people with disabilities.
- Medicaid provides healthcare coverage for over 10 million (non-elderly) people with disabilities in the U.S.



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- 63% of Medicaid spending goes towards services for seniors and people with disabilities.
- HCBS enables 80% of Medicaid beneficiaries to live independently in their communities rather than institutions.
- Medicaid expansion under the ACA has significantly reduced uninsured rates among people with disabilities.
- 72% of working-age adults with disabilities cite Medicaid as "very important" to their ability to work.

Why This Matters

- Disability Rights: Medicaid is essential to fulfilling the promise of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) by promoting integration, equal opportunity, and self-determination.
- Community Living: HCBS provided through Medicaid enables individuals with disabilities to live and participate fully in their communities.
- Economic Stability: Medicaid supports workforce participation among people with disabilities and reduces the financial burden on families and caregivers.

Who We Are

The Social Justice Advocacy Coalition (SJAC) is a faculty, student, and community advocacy group comprised of disability allies, self-advocates, and allied family and community members for fair and equitable policies rooted in human dignity and diversity.

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