

Protect Medicaid in Pennsylvania



What's Happening

Newly enacted federal Medicaid cuts are jeopardizing essential programs that ensure **1 in 4 Pennsylvanians** can access the health care they need.

Over **3.14 million residents**, including children, seniors, and people with disabilities, depend on Medicaid for doctor visits, prescriptions, and preventive care.

Source: Pennsylvania Department of Human Services, Lancaster press event



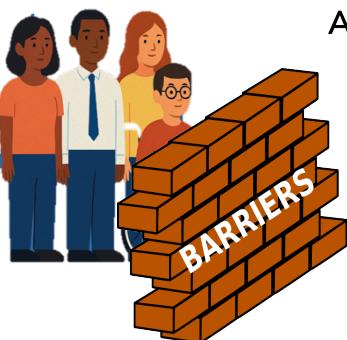
Quick Facts

- Medicaid covers more than **737,000 seniors and people with disabilities statewide**.
Provides access to vital services often not covered by private insurance, such as home health, therapies, and long-term care.
- **Medicaid makes Medicare affordable for older adults.**
Close to **500,000 Pennsylvanians** are “dual eligible,” meaning Medicaid helps pay their Medicare premiums, prescriptions, and co-pays.
- **Rural hospitals depend on Medicaid.**
Nearly **50 rural hospitals** in Pennsylvania depend on Medicaid funding to remain open. Cuts could force closures, creating dangerous gaps in emergency care.

Source: Pennsylvania Department of Human Services; Lancaster press event, 2025.



Why it Matters



As these cuts take effect statewide:

- **300,000 eligible Pennsylvanians** could lose their health insurance.
- **Six-month redeterminations** will double the paperwork, overwhelm County Assistance Offices, and delay essential supports and services.
- **New eligibility and work-reporting requirements** will create barriers for low-income families, people with disabilities, and older adults.



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How Pennsylvanians Can Act

- **Influence Implementation** at the state level.
 - Contact your **state legislators** and urge them to protect access to programs such as **Home and Community Based Services (HCBS)**.
- **Share your story** with SJAC on how cuts to Medicaid will impact you, your family, and/or your community.
- **Contact federal lawmakers again** to urge restoration of Medicaid Funding and protections for all Pennsylvanians.