

NO MEDICAID CUTS

The Republican Plan for Medicaid Will Harm Family Caregivers

Medicaid Is A Lifeline for Family Caregivers

One in five Americans—or [53 million adults](#)—are family caregivers to adults or children with special health care needs. Family caregivers provide an estimated [\\$600 billion](#) in unpaid services every year, often foregoing paid work to provide care for loved ones and relying on Medicaid themselves. Among adults with Medicaid, [12%](#) are family caregivers unable to work due to caregiving.

Medicaid helps family caregivers afford the care their loved ones require. Medicaid is the [largest payer](#) of long-term care. The program covers over [9 million Americans](#) who need long-term care, around [8 million](#) of whom rely on home- and community-based services.

Medicaid supports family caregivers in their efforts to provide care. Family caregivers help provide home-based care, which is [more cost-effective](#) than institutional care. Many states have pursued opportunities to [pay family caregivers](#), provide them [specialized training](#), and provide access to [support groups](#) and respite care for caregivers. These services supporting family caregivers would be first on the chopping block for many states if Republicans cuts hundreds of billions from the Medicaid program.

Republican Cuts to Medicaid Put Family Caregivers' Health and Coverage At-Risk

Every proposal on the Republican [wish list](#) of more than \$2 trillion in Medicaid cuts is bad news for family caregivers and their loved ones—cuts of this magnitude would slash 1/3rd of federal Medicaid spending. These proposals include but are not limited to:

- **Terminating Coverage for Family Caregivers Through Work Reporting:** Work reporting puts coverage at risk for [36 million people](#), including family caregivers and their loved ones with Medicaid. Medicaid work reporting—or proving one meets a so-called exemption—is [burdensome](#) for family caregivers who already spend time and energy providing intensive care. Without Medicaid, family caregivers will not be able to maintain their own health, which [hinders their ability to provide care to others](#).
- **Rolling Back Improvements that Help People Relying on Family Caregivers Get Coverage and Keep It:** Repealing or delaying the Medicaid Enrollment and Eligibility rule would undo key protections for older adults and people with disabilities who rely on family caregivers. This includes subjecting them to multiple, needless eligibility checks a year and authorizing states to require in-person interviews for enrollment.
- **Sabotaging States' Ability to Pay Providers:** Republican proposals represent a double-whammy for states. By shifting costs to states and limiting their ability to finance their own programs, often through provider taxes used in [nearly all states](#), states will have to slash Medicaid reimbursement rates, including for health care providers serving family caregivers and their loved ones.
- **Cutting Coverage and Services by Pushing Costs Onto States:** Dramatically reducing federal Medicaid spending through proposals like imposing per capita caps, shifting administrative costs to states, and cutting the federal share for Medicaid expansion will force states to slash services, benefits, and coverage, including for family caregivers and their loved ones. States may also roll back payments for [paid caregivers](#), threatening their ability to care for older adults and people with disabilities.

Bottom Line:

Republican Medicaid proposals will force states to terminate coverage for family caregivers and the people they care for—and there is no acceptable coverage loss. No Medicaid cuts to family caregivers to fund tax handouts to billionaires and wealthy corporations.