# The Devastating Consequences of Medicaid Cuts

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## More than 1.9 million Louisianians rely on Medicaid & CHIP

Cuts to Medicaid would disproportionately hurt children, older adults, people with disabilities, and people of color by eliminating their health care access and coverage.



Cutting Care for Children

More than 95% of eligible children in Louisiana are supported by Medicaid and/or CHIP<sup>2</sup> Cuts would disproportionately hurt children with the lowest incomes and the highest health care needs.<sup>3</sup>



Increasing Disparities for Communities of Color Medicaid covers nearly 62% of adults

of color in Louisiana ages 18-65.<sup>5</sup> A decrease in Medicaid funding would directly impact access to the communities that need it the most.



#### Cuts to Medicare Beneficiaries

Cuts to Medicaid could impact more than 240,900 dually-eligible Louisianians who rely on the program to help pay their Medicare premiums and co-pays.<sup>7</sup>



#### Blocking Access for Pregnant Women and Newborns

More than 34,900 births (61%) in Louisiana per year are covered by Medicaid. A cut to Medicaid would prevent mothers from obtaining the care they need.<sup>4</sup>



#### Curbing Health Care Access for People with Disabilities

Medicaid covers 45% of nonelderly adults with disabilities nationwide, roughly 10 million people.<sup>6</sup> They depend on Medicaid for services in order to thrive in their communities.



#### **Disrupting Nursing Home Care**

Cuts to Medicaid could disrupt care for 72% of nursing home residents in Louisiana who use Medicaid as their primary payer to stay in a nursing facility.<sup>8</sup>



#### House Republicans' Proposed Cuts Threaten Care For Americans At Risk

The House Republicans' bill puts nearly 672,700 Louisianians at risk of losing Medicaid coverage and could lead to gaps in health care coverage and undermine family economic security.<sup>9</sup>



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