# Disabled Americans and Their Families Would Suffer from House Republicans' Proposed Medicaid Cuts Chairman Bob Casey, Senate Committee on Aging

Over 10 million non-elderly people qualify for Medicaid based on a disability.<sup>1</sup>

Medicaid provides health care, therapies, and community support to children, youth, and adults of all ages with disabilities.



#### **Limiting Opportunities For Care**

Medicaid covers 45% of nonelderly adults with disabilities nationwide, roughly 10 million people. They depend on Medicaid for services in order to thrive in their communities.<sup>2</sup>



# Increasing the Costs of Long-term Care

Access to Medicaid Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) can reduce the cost of long-term care by half to a two-thirds. Cutting Medicaid will cut home care services and drive-up costs for families.<sup>3</sup>



#### Reducing Long-term Services and Supports

Medicaid is the primary payer for longterm care for people with disabilities under 65 years of age, making it possible for them to live in their own homes and communities.



## Restricting the Ability to Work

Medicaid health care and community services make it possible for work and contribute their family economic health. Cuts to Medicaid weaken the ability of people with disabilities to participate in the workforce.



## **Curbing Access for People of Color**

Cuts to Medicaid would impact services for more than 3.5 million children of color with disabilities who receive part or all of their care needs through Medicaid or CHIP.<sup>6</sup>



#### **Increasing HCBS Waiting Lists**

Cuts to Medicaid will increase waiting lists for home and community-based services. This will hinder access for individuals with disabilities to receive long-term care in their homes and community and increase reliance on institutional care.<sup>7</sup>



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

The House Republicans' bill put over 21.2 million Americans at risk of losing Medicaid coverage and could lead to gaps in health care coverage and undermine family economic security.<sup>8</sup>



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