NO MEDICAID CUTS

The Republican Plan for Medicaid Will Harm Delaware

More than <u>250,000</u> Delawareans rely on <u>Medicaid</u> and the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP).

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

Every proposal on the Republican <u>wish list</u> of more than \$2 trillion in Medicaid cuts is bad news for Delawareans. Medicaid cuts would harm children, older adults, and families, ripping away their health care access and coverage. Republican Medicaid cuts would:

Cut Care for Children. More than 39% of children in Delaware are enrolled in Medicaid or CHIP. Around 50% kids with special health care needs, such as a physical or behavioral disability, rely on Medicaid in Delaware. Cuts would disproportionately hurt children with the lowest incomes and the highest health care needs.

Block Access for Pregnant Women and Newborns. Nearly 5,000 births (43%) in
Delaware per year are covered by Medicaid. A cut to Medicaid would prevent mothers and babies from getting the care they need.

Increase Disparities for Communities of Color. Around 62% of children and adults with Medicaid in Delaware are people of color. A decrease in Medicaid funding would reduce access for the communities that need it the most.

Curb Health Care Access for People with Disabilities. Medicaid covers nearly 47,000 people with a disability in Delaware. Only 30% receive Supplemental Security Income,

meaning many do not qualify for Medicaid on the basis of their disability and could be subject to Republican policies like work reporting. People with disabilities often depend on Medicaid for services in order to thrive in their communities.

Create Barriers to Behavioral Health
Services. Nearly 21,000 Medicaid
beneficiaries were treated for a substance use
disorder in Delware in 2021. Medicaid cuts and
eligibility restrictions threaten lifesaving
treatment for people with behavioral health
needs.

Cut Coverage for Medicare Beneficiaries.

Nearly <u>34,000</u> dually-eligible Delawareans rely on Medicaid to help pay their Medicare premiums and co-pays. For these enrollees, a cut to Medicaid is a cut to Medicare.

Disrupt Nursing Home Care. Cuts to Medicaid could disrupt care for <u>54%</u> of nursing home residents in Delaware who use Medicaid to pay for care in a nursing home.

Bottom Line:

Republican proposals to cut Medicaid will result in Delawareans losing Medicaid coverage—and there is no acceptable coverage loss. No Medicaid cuts to Delawareans to fund tax handouts to billionaires.



