



A Very Brief Overview of Medicaid for People with Disabilities

Medicaid is the Foundation of Our Disability System

Health Services



- Doctor visits
- Therapies
- Medical supplies and equipment
- Hospital care
- Medications

Waiver Services



- Day Programs
- Community group homes
- Employment supports
- Assistive technology
- Home and vehicle modifications
- Behavioral support

Direct Home Supports



- Personal assistance
- Homemaker
- In-home nursing
- Personal support

Other



- Early Intervention services
- School-based therapies and nursing

Medicaid in Illinois



3,438,447 people in Illinois covered by Medicaid



222,693 people with disabilities receive home and community based services



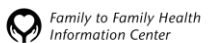
16,530 people with disabilities already on waiting lists for services



3 out of 8 children



1 out of 3 adults with disabilities



How is Medicaid Paid For?



Illinois received \$21 Billion for Medicaid from the federal government in 2023



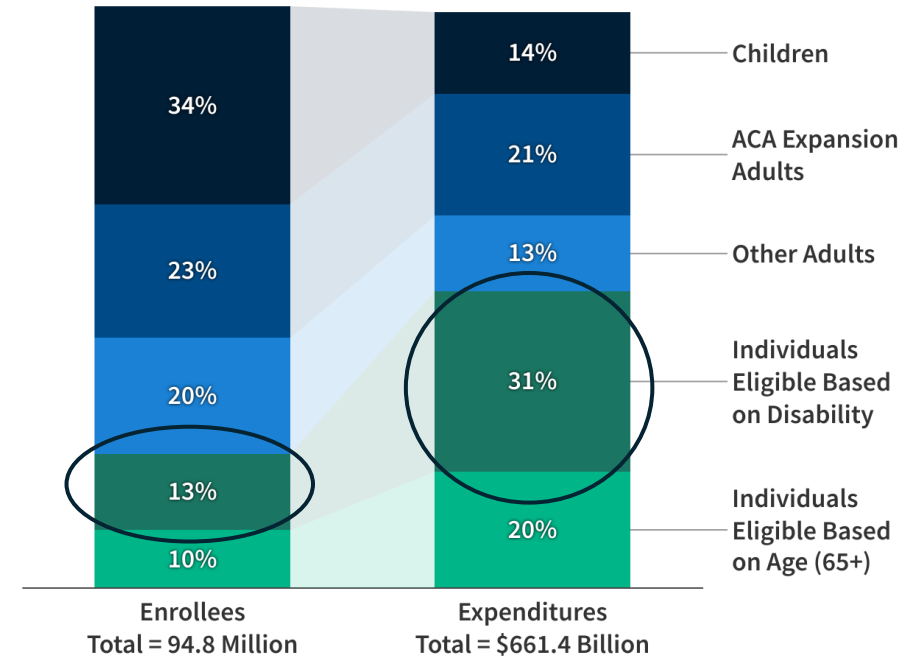
The federal government pays about half of most Medicaid costs in Illinois



The federal government pays even more for certain populations, such as 90% for those in the ACA Adult category

Figure 3

People Eligible for Medicaid Based on Disability or Age (65+) Accounted for 1 in 4 Enrollees but Over Half of All Spending in 2021



Note: Includes full and partial benefit enrollees enrolled in at least one month of Medicaid during 2021. Total may not sum to 100% due to rounding.

Source: KFF analysis of the T-MSIS Research Identifiable Files, CY 2021

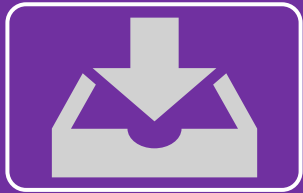
Threats to Medicaid: Everything is a Cut!



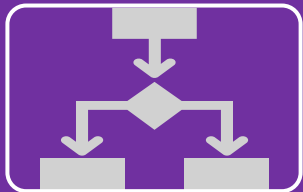
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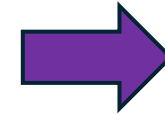
Reduce FMAP or percentage the federal government pays



Work Requirements = extra paperwork



Change eligibility requirements



Illinois would have to pay for more of the costs of Medicaid

If Illinois can't afford it, there will be cuts

- Cut optional programs like waivers
- Cut optional services like Dental or Pharmacy
- Reduce rates
- Limit spots in programs

Call to Action: Share Your Medicaid Story!

Fill out our form to share your Medicaid story!

- How has Medicaid helped you?
- What services do you get through Medicaid?
- What would happen if Medicaid disappears?

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ZL55838>



My daughter Karuna received home nursing through Medicaid to assist with her ventilator, feeding tube, and central IV line. Without nursing, she would not be able to live at home and would have to live in a hospital.

Call to Action: Call Your Federal Legislators!

Option 1: Call Directly

- Senator Dick Durbin: (202) 224-2152, <https://www.durbin.senate.gov/>
- Senator Tammy Duckworth: (202) 224-2854, <https://www.duckworth.senate.gov/>
- Your FEDERAL Representative: <https://www.house.gov/representatives/find-your-representative>

Option 2: Call the White House Switchboard

- 202-224-3121

Option 3: Use the Arc of the United States tool

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TELL CONGRESS: MEDICAID IS A LIFELINE FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES!

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