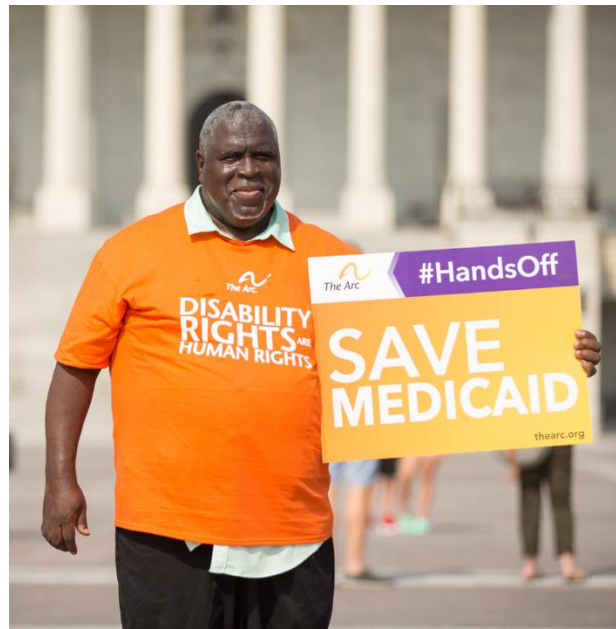


July 3 Update on Medicaid Cuts



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Today's Logistics

Captioning available in English and Spanish

Please put QUESTIONS in the Q and A box

Please put comments and reactions in the chat

Raise your hand if you would like to speak and please limit your comments so everyone has a chance to be heard



Advocacy

The Arc of Illinois advocates to increase investment in community-based supports and transform the intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD) service system by championing quality services, empowerment, and equality for all people with IDD, their families, and those who support them.

Each year, The Arc of Illinois surveys our **membership** to inform our public policy priorities which are developed by the Public Policy Committee. The Arc uses these priorities to guide our legislative advocacy which includes participation in advocacy meetings with members of the Illinois General Assembly and providing testimony to committees.

Everyone's voice is needed to make meaningful change in Illinois. Join us!

Contact your Congressional Representative today and tell them why Medicaid is imperative to the I/DD community!

Click to Take Action Now!

Join Us!

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Will be posted as soon as possible on our Advocacy page under the Medicaid tab

<https://www.thearcofil.org/about-us/programs/advocacy/>

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 (CILA)
- 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

What's Going On?

House passed
"Big Beautiful
Bill" on May 22

Senate passed
their version on
July 1

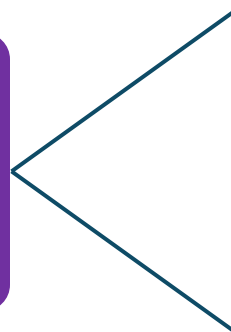
Bill has
returned to the
House

Budget Reconciliation Process:
Passing Budget-related legislation with only a
simple majority

Pass as is

Make changes

Back to
reconcile with
the Senate



How You May Be Feeling



Sadness



Rage



Disappointment



Disbelief



Shock

Do Not Give Up It's Not Over Until it is Over!



Passage by July 4 is the president's goal



Interrupt the momentum

- * Convince 4 GOP Reps to vote NO
- * Change bill to delay process

Effects of Senate Bill - Overall

\$1 TRILLION cut to Medicaid

8.7-12 million people will lose Medicaid

17 million will lose health insurance

1 in 10 Medicaid recipients will lose coverage

Effects of Senate Bill - Illinois

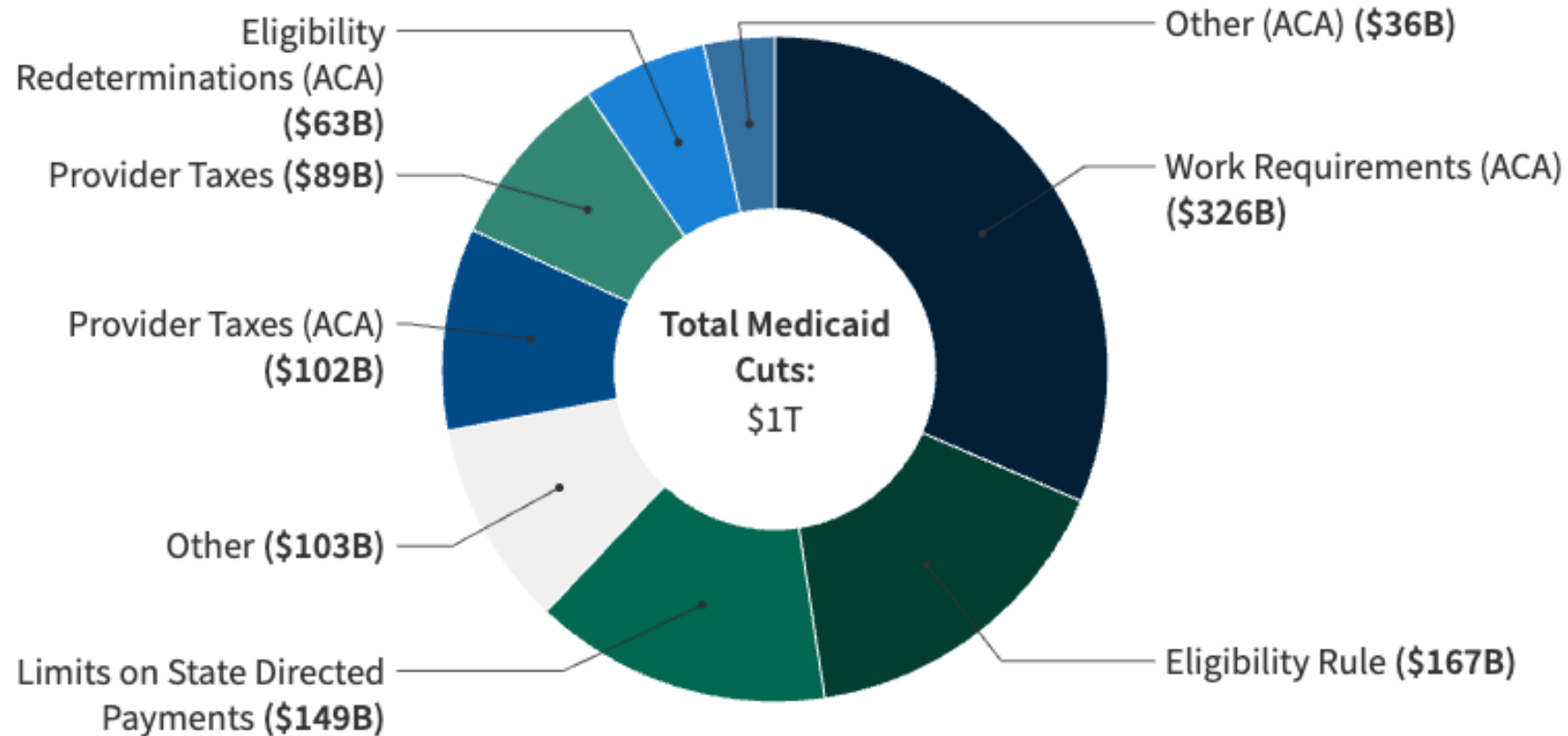
Illinois
percentage cut to
Medicaid: **20%**

Illinois 10-Year
Total Cut to
Medicaid: **\$48B**
(\$36-\$60B)

Figure 1

CBO Estimates of Federal Medicaid Cuts in the Senate Reconciliation Bill

CBO's estimated 10-year federal spending cuts, by policy



Note: See Methods in "Allocating CBO's Estimates of Federal Medicaid Spending Reductions and Enrollment Loss Across the States: Senate Reconciliation Bill" for more details.

Source: [KFF analysis of CBO estimates of the Senate Reconciliation Bill](#) • [Get the data](#) • [Download PNG](#)

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What's In The Bill? Direct Changes

Work Requirements (12/31/26)

More frequent eligibility redeterminations for some adults (12/31/26)

\$35 copays for some adults (10/1/28)

Limits Retroactive coverage to 1-2 months (1/1/27)

Restricts LEGAL immigrants in Medicaid and CHIP (10/1/26)

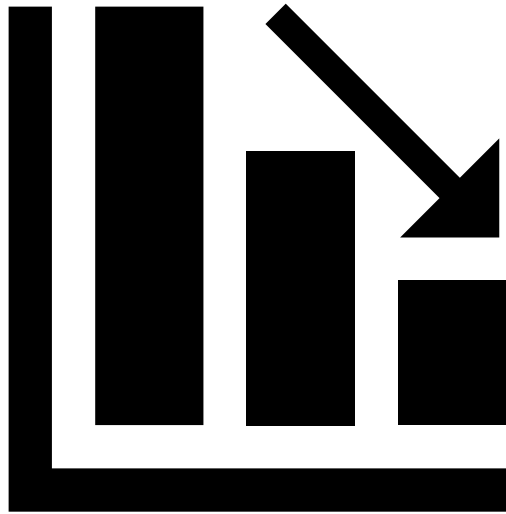
Big Direct Change: Work Requirements

Requiring all adults (19-64) to work 80 hours per month to continue receiving Medicaid

- Exemptions for those in school, **those with children under 14**, and those who are disabled or sick
- **Exemptions for caregivers of people with disabilities may be limited**
- Exemptions require extensive paperwork and documentation

Illinois can ask for a delay of two years!

What's In The Bill? Financing Changes



Reduce Provider Taxes (reductions start in 2028)

Reduce State-directed Payments (starts immediately; some in 2028)

Good Faith Waiver Cuts (2030)

= WAY less federal dollars

What Will Cuts Mean?

More paperwork

- Adults, especially if you are in the ACA Expansion group, will have a lot more paperwork and red tape requirements

Higher costs for care

- Some adults will have increased copays
- Retroactive coverage limited

Less money for Illinois

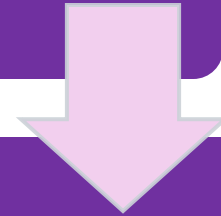
- States will get a lot less overall federal money

Higher administrative burden

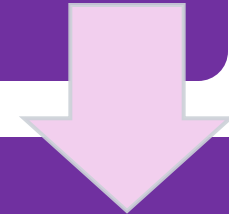
- Increased costs to states for administering new rules

Why This Affects EVERYONE

Profound reduction in money, especially to rural hospitals and programs



Hospitals, clinics, nursing homes, and therapy centers may close due to less money



Hospital ERs overrun with uninsured folks – leads to higher costs for both care and insurance for everyone

The Reality of Cuts

People will get sicker

- Loss of Medicaid means less ongoing care
- Copays will stop people from getting care
- Less access to services and providers

It will end up being more expensive

- People who lose healthcare will still need care
- Emergency healthcare costs more
- People may end up in institutions

How Can Illinois Make Up the Shortfall?

Make cuts to
optional Medicaid
services

Reduce
reimbursement
rates to providers

Reduce who is
allowed to get
Medicaid

Raise more
revenue through
taxes, fees, and
other programs

Make cuts to
other Illinois
programs

Optional Medicaid Services That Can Be Cut

Medicaid (Disability) Waivers

- Waivers could be completely eliminated
- Number of spots reduced = longer waiting lists
- Reduced Services
- Lowered Cost Maximums

Optional Adult Medicaid services

- Home nursing care
- Dental care
- Physical, occupational, speech therapy
- Prescription drugs
- Dentures, prosthetics, and eyeglasses
- Hospice
- ICF/DD and Mental Health Institutions
- Personal Care and related programs
- Case management



Past Experience (2011 FMAP Reduction)

Illinois cut
participants in
Home Health by
11%

Illinois cut
spending in
Waivers by 4%

33 states spent
less on IDD
waivers
(avg. 10.8% less)

40 states cut
Home Health
spending or
participation

ALL states made
cuts to HCBS

What Happened in Illinois in 2012?

Reduced almost all
reimbursement rates by 3.5% in
2012

MFTD Waiver was limited to low
income families, copays on each
nursing shift, limited overall cost
per person

Dental and podiatry regular
services for adults eliminated

Prescriptions limited to 4 per
month

Increased copays for adults and
some children

Income qualifications for some
programs reduced

Reassurance

Nothing happens
immediately!

Illinois governor and
most legislators
committed to
minimizing effects of
cuts

Illinois has better
Medicaid
infrastructure than
many states

Illinois is less
dependent on
provider taxes than
many states

Midterm Elections!

2026

How Can You Advocate?

Call or visit your
FEDERAL
representative and
express your feelings

Share your Medicaid
story

- [The Arc of Illinois](#)
- [The Arc of the United States](#)

Join an Action
#HandsOffMedicaid

If it passes, pivot to
advocating with HFS,
DHS, and state
legislators

Illinois Reps Who Voted for Medicaid Cuts

12th: Bost, Mike
Southern Illinois



- <https://bost.house.gov/>
- DC: (202) 225-5661
- Mascoutah: (618) 622-0766
- Effingham: (217) 240-3170
- Murphysboro: (618) 457-5787
- **43,000 will lose health insurance**

15th: Miller, Mary
Central Illinois



- <https://marymiller.house.gov/>
- DC: (202) 225-5271
- Mahomet: (217) 703-6100
- Quincy: (217) 640-6210
- **44,000 will lose health insurance**

16th: LaHood, Darin
Northwestern/Central Illinois



- <https://lahood.house.gov/>
- DC: (202) 225-6201
- Peoria: (309) 671-7027
- Rockford: (779) 238-4785
- Normal: (309) 445-8080
- **52,000 will lose health insurance**

Contacting Your Federal Legislators!

Call or email (repeatedly)

- Your FEDERAL Representative:
<https://www.house.gov/representatives/find-your-representative>
- SEIU Hotline 866-426-2631
- White House Switchboard: 202-224-3121
- Senator Dick Durbin: (202) 224-2152, <https://www.durbin.senate.gov/>
- Senator Tammy Duckworth: (202) 224-2854,
<https://www.duckworth.senate.gov/>
- 5 Calls App!
- [Arc of the US tool](#)

Show Up!

- Most current office info is on individual websites
- Going Home Coalition can help!

5 Calls

Figures out
who to call

Dials for
you

Tells you
what to say

<https://5calls.org/>

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