

# What Medicaid Cuts Mean for Alaska

## Medicaid is a Lifeline in Alaska

Medicaid plays a critical role in Alaska, supporting the health of children, older adults, people with disabilities and hardworking families — while also providing critical access to care through hospitals, nursing homes and rural providers statewide. Where Alaska's Medicaid Funding Comes From



Medicaid Population<sup>1</sup>





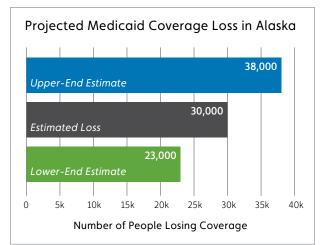
## What's at Stake

The proposed Medicaid cuts outlined in H.R. 1 would strip health coverage away from Alaska residents and force significant economic trade-offs, leaving taxpayers footing the bill to cover funding gaps.

The combination of cuts included in the bill would **reduce federal Medicaid funding to Alaska by 12%**, totaling roughly **\$2 billion over the next decade**.<sup>1</sup>

### Projected Medicaid Coverage Loss in Alaska<sup>5</sup>

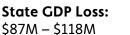
If Congress enacts the proposed Medicaid cuts, up to **38,000** Alaskans could lose coverage. Even under the most conservative estimate, over **23,000 people would be pushed out of the** program as a result of eligibility restrictions, administrative red tape and reduced funding for outreach and enrollment efforts.



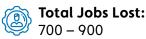
### Estimated Economic Impact of Medicaid Work Requirements in Alaska<sup>6</sup>

Work requirements would limit Medicaid eligibility and result in a reduction in economic activity, shrink the workforce and undercut state and local tax revenues.





**State & Local Tax Revenue Loss:** \$3.4M – \$4.6M



## Congress must protect Medicaid to keep Alaska families healthy and the state economy strong.

- <sup>1</sup> https://data.modernmedicaid.org/MMA/
- https://www.kff.org/interactive/medicaid-state-fact-sheets/
  Ibid.
- <sup>6</sup> https://www.kff.org/medicaid/issue-brief/allocating-cbos-estimates-of-federal-medicaid-spending-reductions-and-enrollment-loss-across-the-states/

#### 5 Ibid.

 $^{\rm 6}$  https://www.commonwealthfund.org/publications/issue-briefs/2025/may/medicaid-work-requirements-job-losses-harm-states