

# **What Medicaid Cuts Mean** for West Virginia



## Medicaid is a Lifeline in West Virginia

Medicaid plays a critical role in West Virginia, 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 West Virginia's Medicaid **Funding Comes From**

82% 18% **Federal** 

Medicaid Population<sup>1</sup> ትትት 522,000



\$4.5 Billion



State Medicaid Contribution<sup>3</sup>

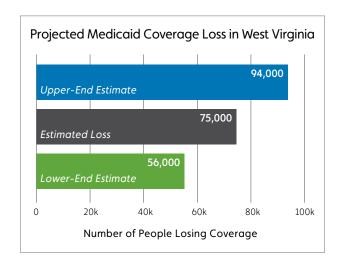
#### What's at Stake

The proposed Medicaid cuts outlined in H.R. 1 would strip health coverage away from West Virginia 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 West Virginia by 12%, totaling roughly \$6 billion over the next decade.4

### Projected Medicaid Coverage Loss in West Virginia<sup>5</sup>

If Congress enacts the proposed Medicaid cuts, up to 94,000 West Virginians could lose coverage. Even under the most conservative estimate, over 56,000 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 West Virginia<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: \$15.9M – \$22.5M



Total Jobs Lost:

2.100 - 3.000

Congress must protect Medicaid to keep West Virginia families healthy and the state economy strong.

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