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By The Numbers: How Medicaid Strengthens Mississippi

Medicaid is not only a lifeline for millions of Mississippians, it strengthens our communities in countless ways. These are reasons why the program is overwhelmingly popular: [74 percent](#) of Americans support Medicaid.

MISSISSIPPIANS DEPEND ON MEDICAID

- **663,645 Mississippians Are Covered Through Medicaid.** Over 663,645 Mississippians [have medical coverage](#) through Medicaid - most of them children, seniors, and people with disabilities.
- **In Mississippi, Parents Up To 27 Percent Of The Federal Poverty Line May Enroll In Medicaid.** By not fully expanding Medicaid, Mississippi has restricted its Medicaid program such that only Parents earning up to 27 percent [of the federal poverty line](#) are eligible to enroll in Medicaid. If Mississippi expanded its program, 419,000 [more adults](#) could gain coverage through Medicaid.

MEDICAID IS A LIFELINE FOR CHILDREN, SENIORS, AND PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

50 Percent of Mississippi's Children Rely on Medicaid. 50 percent of Mississippi [children rely](#) on Medicaid for coverage. Medicaid pays almost \$4 billion annually in school-based health services. Schools depend on these funds connect students with vital health resources — [68 percent](#) of school superintendents said that they used these funds to keep nurses, counselors, and speech therapists on staff.

Medicaid Supports 75 Percent Of Mississippians In Nursing Homes. 75 percent of Mississippians living in nursing homes [have coverage](#) through Medicaid.

Medicaid Covers 30 Percent of Mississippi's Seniors and People with Disabilities. In Mississippi, 30 percent of seniors and people with disabilities [have health coverage through Medicaid](#), including for nursing home care. Nationally, approximately [one in four people](#) on Medicaid are seniors (9 percent) or people with disabilities (15 percent). However, their care represents about [two-thirds](#) of all Medicaid spending. In other words, funding cuts to Medicaid will disproportionately affect the most vulnerable.

MEDICAID HELPS MISSISSIPPIANS ACCESS TREATMENT FOR OPIOID ADDICTION

Medicaid Covers [One In Four](#) Americans With An Opioid Use Disorder. Medicaid pays for 4 percent of Mississippi's [buprenorphine](#) expenditure, a medication used to treat opioid addiction.

REPUBLICANS' WAR ON THE ACA AND MEDICAID JEOPARDIZES COVERAGE FOR MORE THAN 660,000 MISSISSIPPIANS

663,645 Mississippians With Traditional Medicaid Coverage, Including Seniors, People With Disabilities, And Children, Are At Risk. The Graham-Cassidy bill that President Trump revived in his FY19 budget proposal would turn traditional Medicaid into a per capita cap, meaning the 663,645 Mississippians who are [enrolled](#) on Medicaid would have their care jeopardized. Medicaid disproportionately helps children, seniors in nursing home care and people with disabilities. A study by [Avalere](#) found that Graham-Cassidy would cut funding for people with disabilities by 15 percent and 31 percent for children by 2036.

446,370 Mississippi Children's Care Is At Risk. 446,370 Mississippi kids are currently [enrolled](#) in Medicaid and CHIP, and their care could be at risk because of funding cuts in Graham-Cassidy.

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