

PROTECT WOMEN'S CARE WEEK OF ACTION

Fact Sheet: Medicaid Cuts Disproportionately Hurt Women

Republicans are waging a war on Medicaid, and it's hurting American women the most. During the [Protect Women's Care Week of Action](#), Americans are fighting back against President Trump's war on women's care, which includes dramatic proposed cuts and new restrictions on Medicaid.

Proposed cuts to Medicaid disproportionately impact women, who make up over [two-thirds](#) of adults with Medicaid coverage.

MEDICAID CUTS TAKE WOMEN'S ACCESS TO COVERAGE AND CARE

Millions of Women Rely on Medicaid for Health Care. More than 16.3 million women in the U.S. are enrolled in Medicaid. [*Kaiser Family Foundation, [2017](#)*]

Medicaid Helps Pay For Long-Term Care, Mostly For Elderly Women. 69 percent of the 9 million people covered by both Medicare and Medicaid are women. [*Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, [5/11/17](#)*]

MEDICAID CUTS RESTRICT REPRODUCTIVE & MATERNITY CARE FOR WOMEN

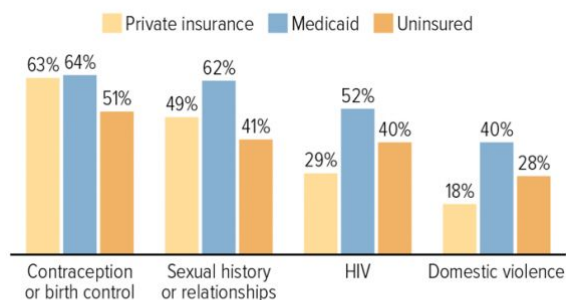
Medicaid Is The Largest Single Payer Of Pregnancy-Related Services. Medicaid financed 48 percent of all U.S. births in 2010. [*Kaiser Family Foundation, [6/22/17](#)*]

Medicaid Is The Largest Financier Of Publicly Funded Family Planning Services. Medicaid accounts for 75 percent of all public expenditures on family planning services. [*Kaiser Family Foundation, [6/22/17](#)*]

Women With Medicaid Are More Likely Than Those With Private Insurance To Have Discussed Sexual Health With Providers. "In 2013, women with Medicaid coverage were more likely than women with private insurance to report they had spoken with a provider about sexual history, HIV, and intimate partner violence." [*Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, [5/11/17](#)*]

Medicaid Provides Low-Income Women With Counseling on Sexual Health Topics

Share of women reporting their provider discussed these reproductive health issues with them in past 1-3 years, by insurance type



Note: Among women ages 15-44. For women 18+, have discussed within the past 3 years. For women ages 15-17, have discussed within past 12 months.
Source: Kaiser Family Foundation, 2013 Kaiser Women's Health Survey

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The Administration's Attacks On Medicaid Jeopardize Women's Access To Cancer Screening, Maternity Care, And Birth Control. "Fewer people on Medicaid means fewer women accessing health and reproductive services that do things like cover cancer screenings, improve access to birth control, and make sure moms and babies have health care throughout a pregnancy and in the months after a baby is born." [*Vox, [1/31/18](#)*]

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NEW MEDICAID REQUIREMENTS MAKE IT HARDER FOR WOMEN TO GET COVERED

Nearly 2 In 3 People Who Would Lose Medicaid Coverage Because Of Work Requirements Are Women. “Almost two-thirds (62 percent) of those who could lose Medicaid coverage due to work requirements are women.” [*Planned Parenthood*, [1/11/18](#)]

Work Requirements Punish Women Caring For Loved Ones. “It is already challenging for women with health conditions or who are caring for loved ones to work, and Medicaid work requirements will only make this harder...This means, for example, that a woman not covered by the FMLA who is enrolled in Medicaid could lose her job if she takes time away from work to get cancer treatment, and then lose her health coverage due to Medicaid work requirements. Losing Medicaid could be a death sentence for this woman.” [*National Partnership for Women and Families*, [2/28/18](#)]

Medicaid Work Requirements Pose A Unique Burden On Women Of Color. “Due to racism and other systemic barriers that have contributed to income inequality, women of color are disproportionately likely to be insured through Medicaid: 31 percent of Black women and 27 percent of Hispanic women aged 15–44 were enrolled in Medicaid in 2015, compared with 16 percent of white women. Medicaid pays for nearly half of all U.S. births and is the largest payer of publicly funded family planning services.” [*National Partnership for Women and Families*, [2/28/18](#)]

MEDICAID CUTS TAKE WOMEN'S JOBS

Medicaid Creates Jobs In The Health Industry, Which Employs Nearly 23% Of All Women In The American Workforce. “Women’s high participation in the health care industry, which employs more than 22.8% of all women in the workforce,⁴ means that Medicaid disproportionately creates jobs for women. This is especially true because Medicaid covers services that other payors typically do not cover and are more likely to be delivered by women, like long-term services and supports.” [*National Women’s Law Center*, [June 2017](#)]

Threats To Medicaid Are Threats To Women’s Livelihoods. “Women would be uniquely impacted by these changes, not only because women disproportionately are enrolled in Medicaid, but also because women occupy jobs whose funding relies on Medicaid. Such changes would threaten the livelihood of millions of women and families across the country.” [*National Women’s Law Center*, [June 2017](#)]

EXPERTS: CUTTING MEDICAID HURTS WOMEN

Black Women’s Health Imperative: Medicaid Work Requirements Threaten Health Care For Low-Income Black Women. “There is a clear disconnect between this false and discriminatory narrative and the actual reality that Black women in poverty face every day. The truth is that over 70% of Black women on Medicaid already work hard everyday to support their families but, due to systemic inequalities, they earn less and face unfair barriers to health care. These jobs simply do not pay enough for women to afford health insurance.” [*Black Women’s Health Imperative*, [1/11/18](#)]

Planned Parenthood: Women Lose The Most Under Trump’s Latest Attack On Medicaid. “With about one in five women of reproductive age relying on Medicaid for their health care and women accounting for approximately 62 percent of Medicaid enrollees who could lose coverage because of this enrollment restriction, this change will especially hurt women, particularly those who already face the highest barriers to care.” [*Planned Parenthood*, [1/11/18](#)]

National Women’s Law Center: Medicaid Work Requirements Would Reduce Access To Care For Women Without Increasing Employment. “Many of the arguments underlying work requirements are designed to stoke racial resentment about entitlement programs, particularly playing upon harmful stereotypes of women of color...work requirements would endanger individuals’ health and economic security in many cases, with a particularly harsh impact on women.” [*National Women’s Law Center*, [April 2017](#)]