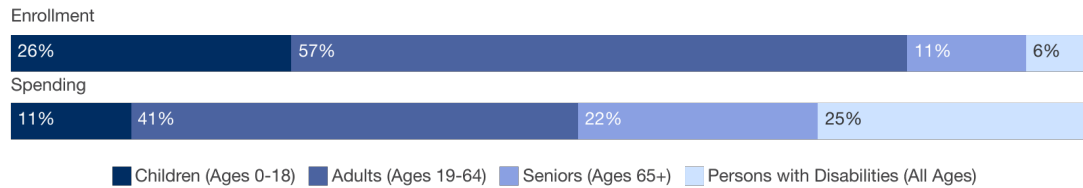


Medicaid is Vital to California

Medicaid, or Medi-Cal, is a public health insurance program designed to help people who otherwise could not afford health coverage.

Medicaid is a state-federal partnership, which means that federal and state funds jointly finance Medi-Cal

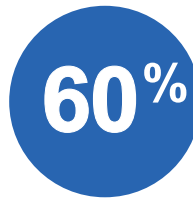
Medicaid Enrollment and Spending by Eligibility Group



MEDI-CAL (MEDICAID) IS VITAL TO CALIFORNIA'S BUDGET



The federal government contributes **\$1.00** to Medicaid for every **\$1** California invests.



60% of federal funding sent to California is for Medicaid, which is about \$96.7 billion annually.

Federal funding for Medicaid is critical to health care in California



Medicaid pays for 40% of births in California

Helps ensure access to critical prenatal care, maternity care, and postpartum services.



Medicaid covers 43% of all California children

Insures children in low-income families, children with special health care needs, and children in foster care.



Medicaid pays for the care of 61% of nursing home residents in California

Provides critical nursing home and community-based services for seniors and people with disabilities.



Medicaid covers mental health services in California

Nationally, Medicaid is the largest single source of funding for mental health and substance use care.

FEDERAL MEDICAID CUTS WOULD:

1 Do nothing to lower health care costs or improve quality and access to care.

2 Devastate state budgets, putting other priorities like K-12 funding at risk.

3 Undermine financial stability of the health system, especially rural hospitals and community clinics.

4 Jeopardize health coverage for millions of children and families, seniors, and people with disabilities.



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