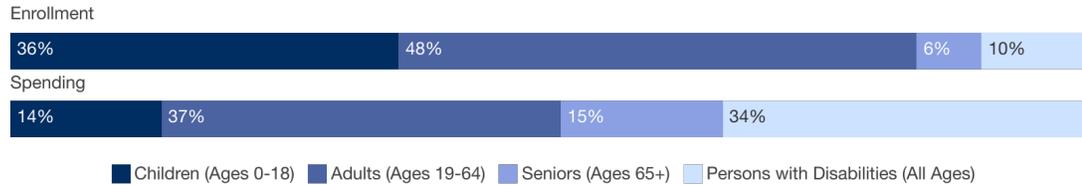


# Medicaid is Vital to Iowa

Medicaid, or Iowa Medicaid, 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 Iowa Medicaid

## Medicaid Enrollment and Spending by Eligibility Group



## MEDICAID IS VITAL TO IOWA'S BUDGET



The federal government contributes **\$1.68** to Medicaid for every **\$1** Iowa invests.



**52%** of federal funding sent to Iowa is for Medicaid, which is about \$5.0 billion annually.

## Federal funding for Medicaid is critical to health care in Iowa



### Medicaid pays for 41% of births in Iowa

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



### Medicaid covers 38% of all Iowa children

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



### Medicaid pays for the care of 50% of nursing home residents in Iowa

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



### Medicaid covers mental health services in Iowa

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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