Medicaid is Vital to Kentucky

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

Medicaid is a statefederal partnership, which means that federal and state funds jointly finance Kentucky Medicaid

Medicaid Enrollment and Spending by Eligibility Group

28%		52%			7%	13%
Spending						
14%	46%		12%	28%		

MEDICAID IS VITAL TO KENTUCKY'S BUDGET

The federal government contributes \$2.50 to Medicaid for every \$1 Kentucky invests.



65% of federal funding sent to Kentucky is for Medicaid, which is about \$14.3 billion annually.

Federal funding for Medicaid is critical to health care in Kentucky



Medicaid pays for 31% of births in Kentucky

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



Medicaid covers 46% of all Kentucky children

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

Medicaid pays for the care of 68% of nursing home residents in Kentucky

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



Medicaid covers mental health services in Kentucky

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

FEDERAL MEDICAID CUTS WOULD:



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



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

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



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



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