Medicaid is Vital to Nebraska

Medicaid, or Nebraska 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 Nebraska Medicaid

Medicaid Enrollment and Spending by Eligibility Group

Enrollment

45%		36%		8%	11%
Spending					
15%	31%	21%	33%		
	Children (Ages 0-18)	(Ages 19-64) Seniors (Ages 6	5+) Persons with Dis	abilities (All Ag	25)

MEDICAID IS VITAL TO NEBRASKA'S BUDGET

The federal government contributes \$1.27 to Medicaid for every \$1 Nebraska invests.



47% of federal funding sent to Nebraska is for Medicaid, which is about \$2.6 billion annually.

Federal funding for Medicaid is critical to health care in Nebraska



Medicaid pays for 35% of births in Nebraska

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

Medicaid covers 32% of all Nebraska children

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



Medicaid pays for the care of 54% of nursing home residents in Nebraska

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



Medicaid covers mental health services in Nebraska

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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