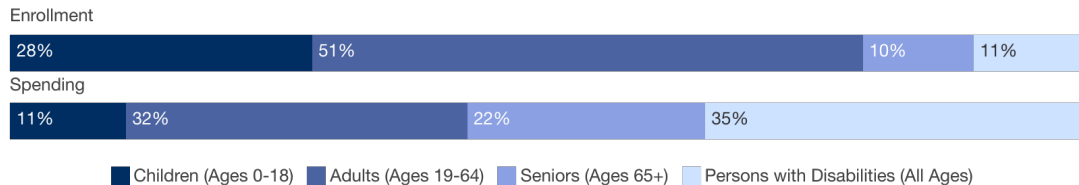


# Medicaid is Vital to DC

DC 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 it is jointly financed by federal and state funds.

## Medicaid Enrollment and Spending by Eligibility Group



## MEDICAID IS VITAL TO DC'S BUDGET



The federal government **contributes \$2.33** to Medicaid **for every \$1** DC invests.

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



**Medicaid pays for 46% of births in DC**

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



**Medicaid covers 41% of all DC children**

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



**Medicaid pays for the care of 83% of nursing home residents in DC**

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



**Medicaid covers mental health services in DC**

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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