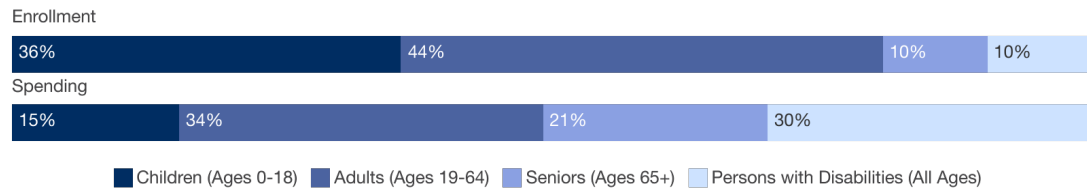


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Medicaid is a public health insurance program designed to help people who otherwise could not afford health coverage.

Medicaid is a state-federal partnership, jointly financed by federal and state funds.

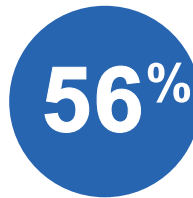
Medicaid Enrollment and Spending by Eligibility Group



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Federal Medicaid funding leverages state investments in child health.



56% of total federal funds received by states are for Medicaid.

Federal funding for Medicaid is critical to the health care system



Medicaid pays for 41% of births in the U.S.

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



Medicaid covers 39% of all U.S. children

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



Medicaid pays for the care of 63% of nursing home residents in the U.S.

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



Medicaid covers mental health services in the U.S.

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

CUTTING MEDICAID WOULD:

1

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

2

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

3

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

4

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



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