

- Making - **MEDICAID *work for the* MOST VULNERABLE**

Reverse the Curse: U.S. House Budget Resolution (FY24-FY33)

The Medicaid program is a vital safety net for our nation's most vulnerable, including low-income children, the blind, the disabled, and the elderly. However, the program has been expanded significantly to where it is now the **largest health program by enrollment**, covering one in four Americans and costing the federal government \$592 billion in 2022.

An unfortunate byproduct of this expansion is over **\$81 billion in improper payments in FY 2022**. Additionally, the program is producing poor outcomes for enrollees. Medicaid enrollees face long wait times and poor access to care, and – thanks to Obamacare expansion – able-bodied adults are crowding out health care services for the most vulnerable beneficiaries.

Our budget puts Medicaid on a **sustainable path** and proposes **sensible reforms** to increase efficiency and oversight, protecting this safety net program for our nation's most vulnerable:

Putting Medicaid on a Budget:

Our budget supports replacing Medicaid's open-ended federal match financing model with a per capita cap model that grows funding annually at the rate of medical inflation and provides states with the flexibility to best meet the needs of their citizens.

Establishing Work Requirements:

Our budget seeks to restore the dignity of work by proposing community engagement work requirements for able-bodied adults without dependents to qualify for Medicaid coverage, as included in the House-passed Limit Save Grow Act (H.R.2811).

Ending Preferential Status for Adults:

Our budget supports ending Obamacare's preferential treatment for adults over children by equalizing federal reimbursement of expansion adults to the normal Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP) formula, refocusing the program on the most vulnerable.

Enhancing Medicaid Program Integrity:

Our budget supports policies to enhance Medicaid program integrity, reduce improper payments, and bolster enrollee eligibility verification to ensure Medicaid provides quality health care coverage to those most in need.

Stopping D.C.'s Special Treatment:

Our budget supports removing the enhanced reimbursement that the District of Columbia's Medicaid program currently receives.



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