

# IT'S A CUT TO MEDICAID NO MATTER WHAT YOU CALL IT

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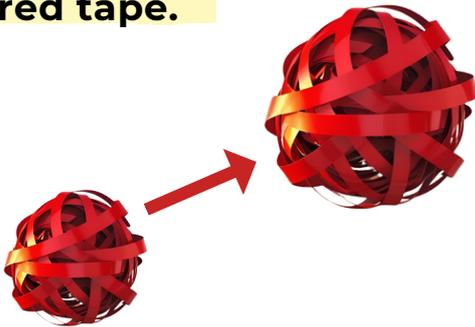


Republicans in Congress have proposed enormous cuts to Medicaid, which provides insurance to more than **70 million people—or 1 in 5 Americans**. One way they plan to cut Medicaid is by increasing red tape and limiting eligibility under the false guise of “work requirements.” This proposal will cause people to lose their health care.



## WHAT WOULD MEDICAID WORK REQUIREMENTS REALLY DO?

**Grow government and red tape.**



**No significant increase in employment.<sup>1</sup>**

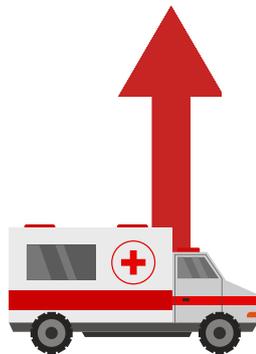


**People will lose their health insurance.**



**Increased hospitalizations.**

Interruptions in Medicaid coverage were associated with a **higher risk of hospitalization for conditions** such as heart failure, diabetes, and chronic obstructive disorders.<sup>2</sup>



**Hurt people with disabilities.**

**People with disabilities will lose their health care.<sup>3 4</sup>**



## WHAT INCREASES EMPLOYMENT?



**A. Access to Medicaid and Medicaid expansion**

**B. “Work Requirements”**



**CORRECT ANSWER:** Access to Medicaid increases employment. Workforce participation among parents with low incomes is greater in expansion states, and adults report greater employment when they have Medicaid.<sup>5 6 7</sup>

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