

Help Save Medicaid!

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Congress is about to introduce \$2.3 TRILLION in cuts to Medicaid—one-third of its total federal funding. These cuts will move quickly through a fast-track reconciliation bill, requiring fewer votes to pass.

If these cuts do pass, 1.2 million Wisconsinites will be affected, including:

- 1 in 7 adults
- 1 in 3 children
- 4 in 7 nursing home residents
- 1 in 3 people with disabilities

What's at risk?

Here in Brown County, Medicaid funds essential services like:

- School-based therapies, healthcare, medications and the Children's Long-term Support program for special needs kids
- Home care, transportation, IRIS, Family Care and day programs like Aspiro, CP and Curative – all supports that keep for adults with disabilities in their homes and out of institutions
- Mental health services, BadgerCare, Syble Hopp School, ADRC and long-term senior care

Not only will these cuts be devastating to the 18% of Wisconsinites who depend on Medicaid for their survival, but they will also have a negative financial impact on the vast network of providers and caregivers who are reimbursed from Medicaid funds.

What can we do?

- Educate ourselves and others
 - a. Learn more about Medicaid and the impact of these cuts: [Medicaid Info](#)
 - b. Follow the Wisconsin Board for People with Developmental Disabilities for updates: [BPDD Facebook](#) | [Receive BPDD Email Updates](#) (Please note: If you sign up for the email updates, you will receive an email invitation to attend BPDD's weekly Medicaid Update webinar conducted by Tami Jackson, BPDD policy analyst/legislative liaison. These are very well done and are very helpful in understanding how Medicaid works, the scope of the cuts and the impact on Wisconsinites.)
- Call our Representatives! Find their contact info here: [Find Federal Officials](#) | [Find State Representatives](#)
 - a. Tell Tammy Baldwin, Ron Johnson and your US Representative to vote NO!

- b. Let your state legislators know that Medicaid cuts are coming, tell them you oppose those cuts and encourage them to apply pressure up the food chain.
- c. Make it personal – if you or a loved one depend on Medicaid, share your story when you call.