

## Families USA Leads More than 85 Organizations Calling on the Senate to Reject the Big, Bad Betrayal that Cuts Medicaid Funding

**WASHINGTON, D.C.** – This week, Families USA [sent a letter to the U.S. Senate](#) signed by 86 national and state organizations to urge Senators to reject the budget reconciliation bill that would devastate our nation’s health care system. These organizations represent patients, workers, parents, plans, clinicians, and health care consumers — including those with chronic illnesses and disabilities — who depend on Medicaid and the Affordable Care Act to access affordable health care coverage or to deliver high-quality healthcare to millions of Americans.

The recently released Senate version of the budget bill includes steeper cuts to Medicaid than the House bill, which would terminate health care coverage for 16 million people, raise health care costs across the board, and cut more than \$1 trillion from our health care while giving tax breaks to billionaires and big corporations.

“We are only just beginning to learn about the far-reaching effects of the legislation on health coverage, costs and care, as the 1,000+-page bill was drafted behind closed doors without congressional hearings, amended through a series of private negotiations with a handful of Members, and passed within hours of final text being released. But what we do know is alarming,” **wrote the organizations in their letter.**

**They continued,** “Taken together, the House-passed bill would directly eliminate health coverage for roughly 11 million people, a number that jumps to 16 million when factoring in the bill’s assumption that enhanced premium tax credits will expire, further

increasing families' health costs. That staggering number alone should give Senators enough justification to change course and instead pursue an agenda that truly lowers costs and improves health for the American people."

Families USA, the longtime health consumer advocate, is organizing with groups across the nation [to protect Medicaid](#) from severe cuts that will result in millions of Americans losing access to the health care they need. Earlier this year, Families USA led hundreds of organizations in calling [on Congress](#) and the [Trump administration](#) to reject cuts to Medicaid and work to make health care more affordable, not less.

For additional resources, see Families USA's fact sheets on how [work reporting requirements would undermine access to Medicaid](#), [how cuts harm families and communities](#), and the overall [importance of Medicaid](#) to people, the economy and the health care system.