



# CODE BLUE FOR MEDICAID

**May 2025**

Medicaid is more than a program, it's a lifeline to nearly 80 million people across our country who rely on the lifesaving services it provides.

Congress is taking their final steps to try to cut billions from Medicaid and SEIU members are declaring a **CODE BLUE**.

## [Topline Medicaid Messaging](#)

### **Why CODE BLUE FOR MEDICAID?**

Speaker Johnson has announced that the House will vote on its version of the reconciliation package the week of May 19. **We have just weeks to try and stop them**, and are declaring a national **CODE BLUE FOR MEDICAID** rapid response plan. We are making it clear that any cut to Medicaid is a cut to healthcare for millions of people.

During this period Republicans will outline **how they plan to cut Medicaid** – And we will be ready to take action.

As the bill continues to move forward, we will not stop the pressure. We will share our stories, flood phone lines, rally, talk to reporters, meet with legislators, canvass, and take action on social media to make our voices heard.

### **CODE BLUE FOR MEDICAID RESOURCES:**

- National Press Release declaring Code Blue (**coming soon**)
- Graphics for National Call-In Days (linked with dates below) and flyer Call-In Days to flood the Congressional switchboards: **866-426-2631** (line is available in English and Spanish). *Current schedule:*
  - [May 7th](#)
  - [May 14th](#)
  - Week of the vote (currently scheduled for week of May 19)
- [Printable postcards](#)
- Participate in virtual [Medicaid #SAVESLIVES](#) phone banks and [text banks](#) to target district voters The phonebank is open on May 6, 7, 12, 14, 15, & 19. Click here to [RSVP](#). Phone banks are available between the hours of 5PM - 8PM (ET) and 5PM - 8PM (PT).
- [Printable 11x17 signs](#)

- [Digital toolkit](#) with sample social media and graphics.

### **CODE BLUE FOR MEDICAID TALKING POINTS:**

- Any cuts to Medicaid – in any form – will take healthcare and services from people who need them.
- Congress’s attack on Medicaid will not help us. It will not make our healthcare more affordable. It will not make our families healthier. In fact, it will do the opposite. The only people who will benefit are billionaires.
- You can’t cut hundreds of billions of dollars from Medicaid without taking away healthcare from people who need it, period. Medicaid is an incredibly efficient program!
- Medicaid is a lifeline for nearly 80 million Americans. It’s the reason people can get care in their own homes as they get older. It’s how working parents who can’t get, or can’t afford, healthcare through work can get their kids to the doctor. It’s what keeps our rural and safety net hospitals open and running.
- We are tired of the Trump Administration and Republicans in Congress ignoring us and pushing forward a plan that will take away healthcare and jobs from hardworking people, just to make the rich richer.

### **[Full Mythbuster Talking Points](#)**

### **WORK REQUIREMENTS:**

***Want the details on work requirements? [Here’s a policy breakdown.](#)***

- Work requirements don’t result in more people working, they just kick people off their healthcare and add costly red tape. This has been shown time and time again in states that tried to implement them.
- Work requirements push low-income Americans who are doing their best to get by further into poverty and increase their suffering.
- The “cost savings” from work requirements come from taking away people’s healthcare and don’t result in more people working. Further, if people don’t have access to affordable healthcare, they cannot stay healthy enough to work.
- **Myth: “Medicaid is for lazy people who don’t want to work”**

- The large majority of adults on Medicaid **do work**—often in essential jobs like home care, food service, child care, and retail. They just **don't have employer health coverage** or are paid so little they can't afford it.
- The overwhelming majority of those who don't work are seniors, disabled, full time students, or they are working as full time caregivers.
- Medicaid is what **allows people to work!** Medicaid helps people **stay healthy so they can work**, earn a living, and support their families.

### **“WASTE, FRAUD AND ABUSE”:**

- These words are nothing more than a distraction. There are not hundreds of billions of dollars of waste, fraud and abuse in Medicaid, and cutting that much will kick people off of the healthcare and services they need.
- Medicaid is **highly efficient**, with lower administrative costs than private insurance.
- States and the federal government **share costs** and closely monitor spending. All states have Medicaid Fraud Control Units that investigate and prosecute cases of fraud.
- **Myth: “I’m not cutting Medicaid, I’m trying to save it for those who deserve it”**
  - The only ones being protected by massive Medicaid cuts are billionaires and their tax breaks.
  - Everyone deserves healthcare.
  - The reality is, even if every penny of waste was cut out of Medicaid, it would only be a small fraction of the cuts Republicans in Congress are trying to make.

Also, check out the [Waste Fraud and Abuse](#) memo from our partners at Protect Our Care