



Medicaid and SNAP Are Lifelines for Michigianians

Medicaid is a joint federal and state program that provides health insurance and access to long-term supports and services to more than 2,387,000 Michigianians, including over 21% of non-elderly adults in small towns and rural areas:

Around 52% of Michigianians with disabilities under the age of 65	Around 39% of Michigan children	More than 266,000 adults receiving long-term supports and services
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The **Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)** is the nation's most important and effective anti-hunger program. SNAP helps around 16% of Michigianians put food on the table.

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The House Reconciliation bill would:

- Cause at least **371,474 Michigianians to lose health insurance and thousands to lose SNAP.**
- Limit and freeze the use of provider taxes, which will have the effect of cutting federal participation in the Medicaid program, growing more significant over time.

“Exemptions” and “carve outs” are not as clear-cut as you think. People with disabilities enter Medicaid and SNAP through all possible pathways.

Historically, we know these cuts have devastating effects. When the Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP) was reduced in 2011 and states adjusted their Medicaid spending, [all 50 states cut services](#). **Michigan cut per-participant spending on home health waivers by 39%.**

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- **Health:** Medicaid coverage unlocks access to health care and improves health. Health insurance coverage means that people can see doctors and afford medication.
- **Dignity and Community:** Medicaid home and community-based services (HCBS) enable 35,740 Michigianians to live, work, and participate in their communities.
- **Federal Investment** of \$17.5 billion on Medicaid in Michigan provided 76% of the total cost.

Michigan's state budget would have a hole of \$2.4 billion with current SNAP and Medicaid cuts. This would force the state to make difficult decisions and potentially cut optional Medicaid services. Optional services include many services that disabled people rely on, including HCBS, employment and education supports, and more.

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