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**MEDICAID AND  
COMMUNITY HEALTH  
CENTERS**



**72M**

Americans depend on Medicaid for healthcare coverage

**51%**

of CHC patients covered by Medicaid

**\$25.3B**

Saved Annually by CHCs for Medicaid & Medicare Programs

Medicaid is the best tool we have in helping people live healthier lives. A large body of research shows that Medicaid improves health outcomes and prevents premature deaths, while also boosting the economy and job creation.

Care at community health centers is a remarkably effective and efficient use of Medicaid dollars.

The Congressional Budget Office found that care provided at CHCs lowers federal spending for the

Medicaid and Medicare populations they serve and lowers spending in emergency departments, inpatient hospital settings, and other outpatient services.

We urge a targeted approach to changes in Medicaid policy, as broad changes have the potential to destabilize state Medicaid programs and community health centers, harm local economies, and exacerbate rural health care access challenges.



**MEDICAID  
MATTERS**

Medicaid is the largest revenue source for community health centers, community governed, non-profit primary and preventive care centers that funnel all revenue back into patient care and the community.

If financial challenges force health centers to close, patients will have no choice but to go to the emergency room and other more costly forms of care.

Individuals residing in small towns and rural regions are more inclined to depend on Medicaid/CHIP for their health coverage compared to those in urban areas.

Lacking access to Medicaid can lead to individuals becoming uninsured. Those without insurance are less likely to seek medical care, which can jeopardize their capacity to work or attend school, increasing their risk of incurring debt.



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