



Missouri Foundation
for Health

No Cuts to Medicaid? What's Really in the Federal Budget Bill...

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Vision

Missourians from all backgrounds will have a fair and just opportunity to live their healthiest lives.



Working in partnership with communities and nonprofits, Missouri Foundation for Health is transforming systems to eliminate inequities within all aspects of health and addressing the social and economic factors that shape health outcomes.

The Foundation is building a more equitable future through:



collaboration



convening



knowledge sharing



strategic investments



What is Medicaid?

- Established in 1965 under the Social Security Act
- Provides health coverage to low-income individuals and families
- Funding and administration shared by federal and state governments





Why Medicaid Matters

- Reduces uninsurance
 - Enhances affordability and access to care
 - Improves health outcomes
- Supports employment and financial security
- Funds the health system
- Creates economic growth and jobs





Medicaid in Missouri: MO HealthNet



Covers
1 out of every **5**
people



Covers **39%** of children



Pays for **2/3**
of nursing home care



Key Health Policies in Budget Bill

Medicaid

- Work requirements
- Constrains ways states can finance Medicaid
- Beneficiary cost sharing
- Increased eligibility verification

SNAP

- Work requirements
- Increased state administrative funds

ACA

- Increased documentation requirements
- Limit open enrollment and Special Enrollment Periods
- End automatic reenrollment
- Expiration of enhanced subsidies*



Medicaid Work Requirements

- Mandatory for all states
- Adults 18-64 without dependents
- 80 hours/month work, community engagement, or school
- Start date: December 31, 2026



Exemptions to Medicaid Work Requirements

Mandatory Exemptions

- Former foster youth
- Native Americans
- Parent, guardian, or caretaker of disabled individual or dependent child
- Veterans with disabilities
- Medically frail or special medical needs
- Meet SNAP work requirements
- In drug/alcohol treatment/rehab
- Pregnant or postpartum coverage
- Dual eligibles (Medicare/Medicaid)
- Inmates of a public institution at any time in prior 3 months

Optional Exemptions Short-Term Hardships

- Recent inpatient
- Living in a location with emergency or disaster
- Unemployment rate above lesser of 8% or 1.5 times national rate



Additional Medicaid Provisions

Cost Sharing

- Mandatory cost sharing, up to \$35 per service, for expansion adults above 100% FPL (exemptions for primary care, mental health/SUD, prenatal, pediatric, and emergency care)

Redeterminations

- Increase frequency of eligibility checks for expansion from once per year to every 6 months

Rules Delay

- Delays implementation of Biden-era rules that made it easier to enroll and stay enrolled



Additional Medicaid Provisions

Immigration

- Prohibits federal funding for individuals whose citizenship, nationality, or immigration status has not been verified

Planned Parenthood

- Prohibits Medicaid funding for Planned Parenthood

Transgender Services

- Prohibits federal funding for gender transition services



Yearly Impact of Medicaid Provisions on Missouri



Loss of
Coverage:
130,000+



Loss of Federal
Funds:
~\$2.1B





Combined Impacts of Medicaid and ACA Changes

Medicaid Cuts

ACA Cuts

200,000+ Lose Coverage

Premiums Increase 75%+



What Can You Do?

- Advocate: Make your voice heard
- Join with allies
- Support enrollment
 - Cover Missouri Coalition
- VOTE

- More information:
 - kff.org
 - kffhealthnews.org
 - covermissouri.org
 - mffh.org

