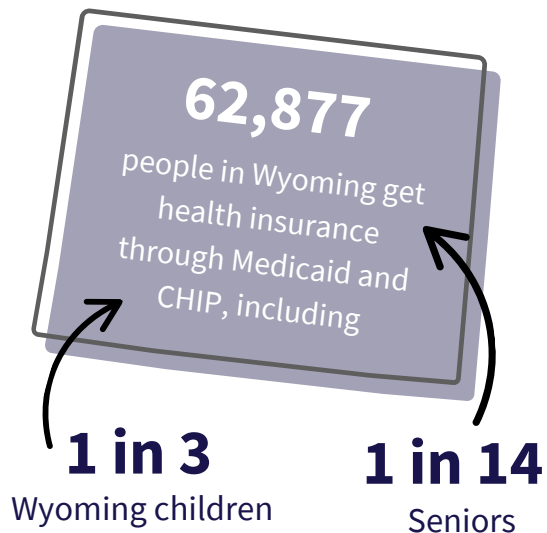


Federal Medicaid Cuts: What's At Risk for Wyoming



Congress is currently working on legislation that would have devastating effects on basic needs programs for many Wyoming residents. The House and Senate have both passed a budget resolution that would take away Medicaid and SNAP from millions of people, harming people working in jobs with lower wages, children, seniors, and people with disabilities.



Medicaid also covers more than
70%
of nursing home stays in the state

**Federal Medicaid cuts will shift costs to states and reduce access to healthcare.
To make up for increased costs, states will likely:**



**Scale back eligibility
for Medicaid**



**Reduce payment rates to
health care providers**



**Reduce benefits
covered by Medicaid**



**Raise out-of-pocket
costs for enrollees**

As a result:



Nearly every rural hospital will be at risk of reducing services or closing.



Children and families will go without health care and could face worse health as a result.



Families across the state could face serious medical debt.



Seniors and people with disabilities will be unable to afford nursing homes or home-based health care.



Wyoming will be one of the hardest hit states.



If the federal government enacts work requirements:

13,000 people could be at risk of losing coverage due to burdensome and unnecessary paperwork.

If the federal government reduces its share of Medicaid spending:

Wyoming would see a 13% increase in state costs in the first year.

If the federal government enacts caps on federal Medicaid spending:

Wyoming would have to spend up to \$1 billion over 9 years to make up the costs.

Pregnant women, children, seniors, and people with disabilities would be at risk of losing benefits or coverage.

Because of our aging population, we would quickly exceed the funding cap.



50% of those 65 and older are expected to rely on long-term care at some point. Medicaid covers most of the cost related to long-term care, which can cost families up to \$125,000 a year out of pocket, keeping thousands of families out of financial crisis. Cuts to Medicaid will have a big impact on Wyoming, as we are one of the three fastest-aging states.