**TrumpCare Puts Children’s Coverage in Jeopardy**

By slashing funds to state Medicaid programs, Republicans put tax cuts for the wealthy ahead of children and their futures.

- Nearly half of Medicaid beneficiaries are children. The Republican plan radically restructures the Medicaid program through arbitrary caps, shifting costs to states to provide needed services to the 30 plus million low-income children who rely on the program.
- Medicaid is currently considered the “gold standard” for children’s health care, including Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis, and Treatment, or EPSDT, benefits. However, with reduced funding, states will be forced to make difficult decisions about which benefits they can keep providing.
- States will be forced to reduce payments to providers, including pediatric specialists, and limit access to life-saving, though costly, specialty care.
- These short-sighted changes ignore the evidence: children receiving Medicaid benefits are more likely to perform better in school, miss fewer days of school, and pursue higher education.

**Republican cuts to Medicaid would jeopardize critical services that children need.**

- Cuts to Medicaid hurt children and the programs that have been carefully designed to address their health care needs.
- Under Medicaid, children with disabilities are able to receive home and community-based services, which allow them to get care in the comfort of their homes without the complications involved in traveling to see a health care provider.
- For those children who need to travel, Medicaid provides transportation services to and from providers, ensuring that distance is not a barrier to care for a vulnerable child.
- Medicaid requires states to offer services to children in state foster care systems as well as children living with developmental disabilities.
- With slashed federal funding, states will have to make tough choices to maintain these programs, putting children in need at risk.