



full inclusion in society. All of these are premised on good health. While capping Medicaid through the use of block grants or restructuring the Federal-state partnership match system through which states receive reimbursement for services may seem like a logical cost-saving mechanism, this approach is far more likely to shift the cost of services to already cash strapped states. This, in turn, will leave states with three unpleasant choices - sharply restricting enrollment, eliminating benefits, or raising taxes to pay for the program. Any changes to Medicaid must recognize the unique populations enrolled in the program and the essential role it plays in providing health care and long-term services for millions of Americans. Legislators must consider the consequences that budget negotiations have on the poorest and most vulnerable Americans and their families.

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