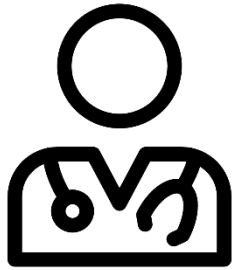




What is Medicaid?



Medicaid is a program that gives health care, like medicine and doctor's visits, to people who need it.

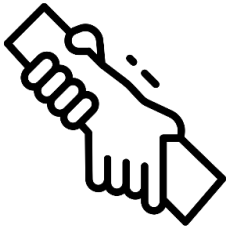


People who use Medicaid are kids, pregnant women, older adults, and people with disabilities.

What are Long-Term Services and Supports?

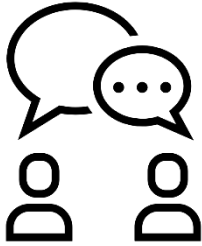


Medicaid provides Long-Term Services and Supports.



These help people with disabilities do daily tasks when they need extra help.

These supports might help a person with:



- Eating
- Bathing
- Dressing
- Working
- Chores
- Getting around the community

Long-Term Services and Supports may be things like:



- Someone who comes to your house to clean.
- A lift chair to help move around your house.
- A wheelchair to move around the community.
- A speaking tool to help you talk to people.



Private insurance may not cover the cost of these. Many people with disabilities need Medicaid to help.

How else does Medicaid help people with disabilities?





Schools use Medicaid to pay for services for children with disabilities.

Many children with disabilities rely on IEPs to learn. IEPs are plans to help students with disabilities at school. IEPs include services such as speech and physical therapy. Medicaid pays for the services in the IEP.

How can Congress ensure Medicaid works for people with disabilities?



People with disabilities, schools, workplaces, and communities rely on Medicaid for help.

Every member of Congress represents people in their area, including people with disabilities. Congress needs to work hard to make sure the people they represent get the help they need.



It is the job of Congress to make sure people with disabilities can get the health care and Long-Term Services and Supports they need.





Some people with disabilities need to wait a long time to get the help they need. Congress should help people with disabilities get the health care they need sooner.



Congress should work to make sure all people with disabilities have the right to live in their own homes near people who care about them.



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