

## Medicaid is a Lifeline for People with Disabilities

- **Covers vital healthcare and long-term services** for over 1 in 5 Americans, including children and adults with disabilities.
- **Provides support** like help with bathing, dressing, employment, and living independently through Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) and Long-Term Services and Supports (LTSS).
- **Keeps people in their homes and communities**, avoiding costly and isolating institutional care.

## Supports Health Systems, Families, and Rural Communities

- **Main funder of rural hospitals** and **primary payer for births in rural areas**.
- **Caregivers depend on Medicaid** for their own coverage while caring for loved ones.
- Cuts to Medicaid **harm family caregivers**, force job losses, and strain the healthcare workforce.

## Efficient, Cost-Effective, and Flexible

- Medicaid costs **less per person** than private insurance or Medicare.
- Offers **state flexibility** to customize services and respond to crises (like COVID-19 or lead exposure).
- Supports **thousands of customized services** for people with developmental disabilities.

## Capped Funding Puts People at Risk

- **Per capita caps and block grants** shift costs to states and families, leading to **service cuts**, longer waitlists, and **forced institutionalization**.
- 710,000+ people are already on HCBS waitlists—**caps would make this worse**.
- **Work requirements and exemptions** are harmful, complex, and ineffective—many with disabilities would lose coverage.

## Medicaid Drives Innovation and Future Success

- Provides **early intervention** for children, improving health, education, and lifelong outcomes.
- Invests in **employment supports, mental health services, and cutting-edge technology**.
- Covers **38 million children** and **over 40% of births** nationwide, ensuring a healthy start for families.

## Plain Language

- Covers important healthcare and supports for people with disabilities to live in the community.
- Funding caps, block grants, and work requirements will all cause people with disabilities to lose coverage.
- Medicaid is an extremely important program that does a lot of different things to support people with disabilities, children, older people, and caregivers.