

March 28, 2025

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American Medical Association
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Dear Dr. Suk and our AMA Board of Trustees,

On behalf of the undersigned delegations, specialty societies, sections, state medical societies, and dedicated members of the American Medical Association, we write to express significant concern regarding potential federal cuts to Medicaid.

Medicaid is a critical lifeline for approximately [80 million Americans](#), including children, low-income families, pregnant individuals, people with disabilities, and seniors. The 2025 House budget resolution ([H.Con.Res.14](#)), adopted on February 25, 2025, calls for policies that reduce federal spending by at least \$880 billion within the Committee on Energy and Commerce jurisdiction, effectively forcing cuts to federal spending on Medicaid.

Significant cuts to Medicaid, including per capita caps, limitations on provider or managed care organization taxes and state-directed payments, work requirements, or reductions to the FMAP, would not only reduce access to care for patients, but also threaten the financial viability of practices serving Medicaid populations, especially in primary care. Given that many physicians already face difficult decisions regarding Medicaid participation, further constraints could exacerbate existing health care disparities and access challenges in both urban and rural communities.

We believe that the AMA's respected voice is crucial at this moment, to show legislators, patients, and physicians that Medicaid is essential health care that transcends partisan divides. The AMA has a unique opportunity to reinforce that access to care for our most vulnerable populations is a cornerstone of our health care system and a shared value across the medical profession.

We ask the AMA Board of Trustees to act on our existing policy to:

1. Publicly oppose any cuts to Medicaid through all available communication channels, including official statements, media engagement, and legislative advocacy.
2. Mobilize the AMA's advocacy team to work with Congress and federal agencies to prevent cuts to Medicaid programs and advocate for sustainable Medicaid funding.

3. Collaborate with state and specialty societies to highlight the potential impact of Medicaid cuts on patients, physician practices, and state budgets.
4. Reaffirm the AMA's commitment to Medicaid expansion and adequate reimbursement to ensure physicians can continue serving the most vulnerable populations.

We deeply appreciate your commitment to the medical profession and the patients we serve. We look forward to working with AMA leadership in this crucial moment.

Sincerely,

Specialties and Delegations

American Academy of Hospice and Palliative Medicine
American Association of Physicians of Indian Origin (AAPIO)
American Association of Public Health Physicians
American College of Chest Physicians
American College of Emergency Physicians
American College of Medical Genetics and Genomics
American College of Medical Quality
American College of Preventive Medicine
American Foregut Society
American Society of Cytopathology
American Society of Dermatopathology
American Society of Hematology
Delegation from the American Academy of Family Physicians
Delegation from the American Academy of Pediatrics
Delegation from the American Academy of Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation
Delegation from the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists
Delegation from the American College of Physicians
Delegation from the American Psychiatric Association
Delegation from the American Society for Clinical Pathology
Delegation from the American Society of Addiction Medicine
Delegation from the College of American Pathologists
Dermatology Section Council
Infectious Diseases Society of America
National Association of Medical Examiners
PALTmed, the Post-Acute and Long-Term Care Medical Association
Section Council on Preventive Medicine & Public Health
Society of Critical Care Medicine

Sections

AMA Academic Physicians Section
AMA Integrated Physician Practice Section Governing Council
AMA International Medical Graduates Section
AMA LGBTQ+ Section
AMA Medical Student Section
AMA Minority Affairs Section
AMA Organized Medical Staff Section
AMA Private Practice Physicians Section
AMA Resident and Fellow Section Governing Council
AMA Senior Physicians Section Governing Council
AMA Women Physicians Section Governing Council
AMA Young Physicians Section Governing Council

States

California Medical Association
Colorado Medical Society
Connecticut State Medical Society
Medical Society of Delaware
Medical Society of the District of Columbia
Idaho Medical Association
Illinois State Medical Society
Indiana State Medical Association
Iowa Medical Society
Kansas Medical Society
MedChi, The Maryland State Medical Society
Massachusetts AMA Delegation
Massachusetts Medical Society
Michigan Delegation to the AMA
Michigan State Medical Society
Minnesota Medical Association
Missouri State Medical Association
Montana Medical Association
Nevada State Medical Association
New Hampshire Delegation
New Mexico Medical Society
North Carolina Medical Society
North Dakota Medical Association
Ohio State Medical Association

Oklahoma State Medical Association
Oregon Medical Association
Rhode Island Medical Society
Utah Medical Association
Vermont AMA Delegation
Medical Society of Virginia
Washington State Medical Association AMA Delegation
West Virginia State Medical Association
Wisconsin Medical Society

AMA Policy References:

- Expanding AMA Payment Reform Work and Advocacy to Medicaid and Other Non-Medicare Payment Models for Pediatric Health Care and Specialty Populations H-385.901
- Health Care Access for Medicaid Patients H-385.921
- Cuts in Medicare and Medicaid Reimbursement H-330.932
- Medicaid - Towards Reforming the Program H-290.997
- Medicaid Expansion D-290.979
- Medicaid and Efforts to Assure it Maintains its Role as a Safety Net H-290.986
- Status Report on the Medicaid Program H-290.980
- Enhanced CHIP Enrollment, Outreach, and Payment H-290.976
- Expanding Enrollment for the State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) H-290.971
- Federal Medicaid Funding H-290.963
- Opposition to Medicaid Work Requirements H-290.961
- Medicaid Reform H-290.958
- Improving Medicaid and CHIP Access and Affordability H-290.954
- Pediatric Specialty Medicaid Reimbursement D-290.972
- Preventing Coverage Losses After the Public Health Emergency Ends H-290.955