



Action Alert #16

Senate Passes Historic Cuts to Medicaid

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Millions Could Lose Healthcare – Speak Up Now!

Today, the U.S. Senate passed a budget plan that makes the biggest cuts ever to **Medicaid**.

- The plan would cut nearly **\$1 trillion** over the next 10 years.
- That could mean **about 12 million people** lose their health coverage.
- **Louisiana** could be hit especially hard, losing around **\$4 billion** in Medicaid funding.

Now the budget goes back to the **House of Representatives**. The **House and Senate** must agree on a final version before it goes to **President Trump**. Speaker **Mike Johnson** wants to send the budget to the President by **July 4th**.

You must speak up now to protect healthcare – before it's too late!

How to Take Action

Help your Louisiana Representative understand how important Medicaid is by **sharing your personal story**.

What to say in your story:


- What kind of help do you get from Medicaid?
- How does Medicaid make your life better or easier?
- What would happen to you or your family if Medicaid was cut or taken away?

Your story can make a real difference. It helps lawmakers understand how their decisions affect real people like you.

Email your U.S. Representative as soon as possible, but no later than Thursday, July 3rd.

- **District 1** – Steve Scalise → [Email Form](#)
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- **District 4** – Mike Johnson → [Email Form](#)
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If you don't know who your U.S. Representative is, click [HERE](#).

- Enter your zip code (and address if asked)
- Your U. S. Representative's picture will display on the left. Under the picture, click  to send your message.

Contact your [LaCAN Leader](#) if you need help with this alert or would like more information.

Why This is Important

In Louisiana, Medicaid is a lifeline for over **1.6 million** people. Across our country, more than **10 million** people with disabilities use Medicaid to

- Go to the doctor,
- Get medicine,
- Go to therapy, and
- Have help at home.

Without Medicaid, many people might not get the care they need to **stay healthy** or even **stay alive**.

What's Most at Risk: Help to Live at Home

One of the biggest problems is the cut to **Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS)**. HCBS helps people with disabilities live at home instead of going to a nursing home or other institution. It gives them help like home health aides / direct support workers and personal care.

But HCBS is **considered optional**, which means states don't have to offer it. If Medicaid gets cut, this help might be **taken away first**.

That means many people with disabilities could **lose their independence** and be forced to live in a place they don't want to be.

This isn't just about money. It's about treating people with respect and giving them the chance to live in their own homes and communities.

Confirm Your Action

- Email your [LaCAN Leader](#) after you take action
- Why confirm your action? This helps the Council know how effective we are reaching you with important information and engaging members across our state in advocacy for systems change.

Tips & Tools for Advocacy

Looking for tips and tools to help you in your advocacy? Check out the Council's [Advocacy 101](#) page. You can also find tips for:

- [Writing/emailing your legislators](#)
- [Calling your legislators](#)
- [Writing your story](#)

Contact Us

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