A 52-year promise to Americans who need care

This is Medicaid
Why now?

• The American Health Care Act (AHCA), which passed the U.S. House in May, makes drastic changes to Medicaid.

• The U.S. Senate is on a fast track and currently drafting a bill to repeal and replace the Affordable Care Act, and also make unnecessary changes to Medicaid, likely using the same mechanisms in the AHCA. A vote could come as soon as the end of June.

• Your voice, and the voices of Americans can and will influence U.S. Senators to protect Medicaid.

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Why Medicaid Matters

Our values – Children, families, people with disabilities, people living with mental illnesses, adults in poverty and older Americans should receive the treatment, medications, services and preventative care they need.

Our communities – More than one million Minnesotans, over one in five, are enrolled in Medicaid because they have a low-income or a disability.

Our decision – Medicaid should be preserved as a pillar of America’s system of care, now and in the future.
What is Medicaid?

- Medicaid Existed long before the ACA
  - Established 1965

- In Minnesota, Medicaid is called Medical Assistance and serves more than 1 million Minnesotans.

- Medicaid is an entitlement – if you qualify, you receive it.
Who does Medicaid care for?

Barbara suffers from Crohn's disease and used to give care to her son w/ autism. Her husband died when he was 62. Now, Medicaid covers the care she receives at her nursing home, as well as the ongoing care her 50 year old son receives. *1 in 2 nursing home residents in MN utilize Medicaid like Barbara.*

In the 3rd grade, Stewart began struggling with his mental health and schooling. After qualifying for Medicaid he could receive mental health services at school. By 5th grade his mental health had improved and he joined the gifted and talented program at his school. *Medicaid helps make over 600,000 MN children mentally and physically healthier.*

Anna unexpectedly had twins, one of which was born with restricted airways. Medicaid meant that this surprise didn't result in her family's bankruptcy. *Medicaid helps ease financial stress for 1 in every 2 American births.*
Medicaid does more than you think:

- Nursing Home Care
- Mental Health
- Children’s Mental Health
- Chemical dependency
- Maternity Care
- Aging at Home
- Disabilities Services in School
- Primary Care

- Assisted Living Services
- Medical Equipment
- Home and Community Based Services
Medicaid in Minnesota: Population and Expenditures

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Source: MN-DHS
Who receives healthcare through the Medicaid Expansion?

• In Minnesota, about 200,000 nondisabled or elderly adults are now able to access Medicaid due to the expansion.

• $16,644 annually or less than $9 per hour

• ~50,000 people receive behavioral health or chemical dependency treatment.

• Veterans who are not eligible for the VA system.

• People experiencing chronic conditions like diabetes or asthma.

Source: MN-DHS
This is Medicaid: Bloomington

Population: 82,893

Medicaid enrollment: 14,694 (18% of residents)

Facilities that serve Medicaid recipients:
• Minnesota Masonic Home Care CT
• Martin Luther Care Center Presbyterian Homes of Bloomington
• The Estates at Bloomington Friendship Village of Bloomington
This is Medicaid: St. Cloud

Population: 65,842

Medicaid enrollment: 19,754 (30% of residents)

Facilities that serve Medicaid recipients:
- St. Cloud Hospital
- CentraCare
- VA Hospital
- Central Minnesota Mental Health Center
- St. Benedict's nursing home
- Talahi Nursing and Rehab
This is Medicaid: Northfield

Population: 20,130

Medicaid enrollment: 2,625 (13% of residents)

Facilities that serve Medicaid recipients:
• Northfield City Hospital and Nursing Home
• Northfield Care Center
• Three Links Care Center
• Allina Clinic
• Rule 29 MH facility - Minnesota Mental Health
Partnership

• Medicaid is a federal-state partnership to share in the costs

• Minnesota’s spending is matched 1:1

• The federal government covers 90% of the Medicaid Expansion.
How the AHCA changes Medicaid:

• Ends Medicaid Expansion for 200,000 Minnesotans

• Ends the 1:1 match, converting Medicaid to per capita caps or block grants

• Federal contribution drops dramatically – Minnesota is projected to lose over $34 billion over 10 years (MN-DHS).

• Minnesota’s choices: draw funds from other state priorities, raise taxes, pay for less service or cover fewer people.
Per Capita Caps

Under a per capita cap, reductions in federal spending are obtained by setting caps below expected spending.

Baseline Spending:
Reflects state policy choices, economic downturns and changes in health care costs

Per Capita Cap:
Base Year $ / Enrollee * Growth Factor * # Enrollees
Does not account for changes in health care costs
Minnesota Fares Worse Than Many States under a Per Capita Cap

• Minnesota receives a lower federal match compared to many other states;

• Minnesota’s Medicaid program is more efficient and lower cost [Over the last 5 years, state saved over $1B in reforms – this sets us at lower spending in 2016];

• Minnesota receives enhanced federal funding for expanding Medicaid; and

• Minnesotans pay out more in federal taxes than are returned back to the state in federal services and spending.

DHS 3-21-2017 https://mn.gov/dhs/aca-repeal/
Block Grants

Under a block grant, reductions in federal spending are obtained by setting caps below expected spending.

Baseline Spending:
Reflects state policy choices, economic downturns and changes in health care costs

Block Grant:
Base Year * Growth Factor (Inflation or Inflation Plus a Percentage)
Does not account for economic downturns or changes in health care cost
What To Do? Step 1

• If your brother, sister, parent, friend, grandma live in one of these key states – talk to them. They need to call their U.S. Senator **now**, as they are a key decision maker on Medicaid.

• Alaska, Arkansas, Arizona, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Missouri, Montana, Nevada, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, West Virginia, Wyoming

• U.S. Senate Switchboard (202) 224-3121

• Please ask U.S. Senators to reject any bill that:

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  2) Causes millions to lose healthcare coverage by effectively ending the Medicaid expansion by phasing out the enhanced federal match.
What To Do? Step 2

• Please call our Minnesota U.S. Senators and thank them for supporting Medicaid, and ask them to be a strong, vocal champion for Medicaid.

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  3) Offer to share your Medicaid story – about you, your loved one, and the impact of Medicaid.
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