

# The Real Cost of Cutting Medicaid



Proposed cuts to Medicaid will terminate health care for millions of people who need it most – cancer patients receiving lifesaving treatment, seniors in nursing homes, children, veterans, people with disabilities, and working families.

**Rushing these cuts will hurt those who can least afford care – and won't do anything to lower health care costs.**

## Cancer patients can't afford these cuts.

Access to health coverage is the greatest predictor of whether or not someone survives their cancer, and more than one-third of kids diagnosed with cancer get their health insurance through Medicaid. These cuts will mean people with cancer could have their care interrupted or stopped completely, and others would lose access to cancer screenings. This would have a devastating impact on cancer patients and their families.



## Work requirements will terminate care for cancer patients.

Cutting Medicaid will rip health care away from those who can already least afford it – families with loved ones in nursing homes, working families making less than \$30,000 a year, and veterans who've served this country. Not only will this hurt those who can least afford care, it will also raise premiums and out-of-pocket costs for everyone else – and place even more burden on the system due to more uncompensated care.

So-called work requirements are the opposite of common sense. They will make it harder for people to get and stay healthy enough to work. In order to work, you have to be healthy enough to show up. Punishing people being treated for cancer by terminating their health care will only make them sicker and less able to work. These proposals do nothing to lower costs and make health care more affordable for families.