

ACTION ALERT

Protect Medicaid

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In mid-February, the House and Senate Budget Committees advanced competing FY 2025 budget resolutions. Budget resolutions direct other committees to cut or increase spending or alter the tax code. **The House and Senate budget resolutions propose detrimental cuts to Medicaid.** The resolutions direct the **House Energy and Commerce Committee to cut nearly \$900 billion and the Senate Finance Committee** (of which Sen. Ron Johnson is a member) **to cut \$1 billion in federal funding.** These two committees have authority over Medicaid. The full Senate passed their budget resolution last week. **The House is expected to vote on their own version tomorrow tonight!**



These proposed cuts put older adults and people living with disabilities at risk of losing health and long-term care coverage, including the potential loss of home and community-based services. Federal Medicaid cuts will leave states with huge budget holes to fill and nothing but bad choices – eliminating needed care, reducing needed care and services, paying providers less, and/or restricting program eligibility. The proposed cuts are so large, they would impact not only Medicaid services, but other state programs and services as well.

Action Steps you can take today or tomorrow (2/24 & 2/25):

The House must pass their budget resolution before they can begin making cuts to Medicaid. The House has a narrow majority. **One- or two-House members from the majority party voting “no” would mean the resolution cannot pass** and the process that would lead to Medicaid cuts could not start.

- **Call you're U.S. Representatives TODAY or TOMORROW using our online advocacy platform – <https://oneclickpolitics.global.ssl.fastly.net/promo/67/> -**

or (find your Representative's phone number by typing your ZIP code in the upper righthand side of the page at this link: [Look up your U.S. Representative](#)).

Let your Representative know how important Medicaid is to you, your family, your community, your agency, and/or those you serve. For those who can, ask your Representative to oppose any cuts to Medicaid!

Federal lawmakers need to know how Medicaid helps you, your family, or someone you care about and what it would mean if services and supports were reduced or stopped. **Urge your federal legislator to reject any proposals that reduce federal Medicaid funding.**

Core member organizations

Aging and Disability Professionals Association of Wisconsin (ADPAW) • Alzheimer's Association Wisconsin Chapter Board on Aging and Long Term Care (BOALTC) • Wisconsin Adult Day Services Association (WADSA)
Wisconsin Association of Area Agencies on Aging (W4A) • Wisconsin Association of Benefit Specialists (WABS)
Wisconsin Association of Nutrition Directors (WAND) • Wisconsin Association of Senior Centers (WASC)
Wisconsin Family and Caregiver Support Alliance (WFACSA) • Wisconsin Institute for Healthy Aging (WIHA)
Wisconsin Senior Advocates • Wisconsin Senior Corps Association (WISCA) • Wisconsin Tribal Aging Unit Association

Mission

The Wisconsin Aging Advocacy Network (WAAN) works with and for all older adults by educating community members and policy makers on priority issues while advocating for meaningful change. Learn more at <https://gwaar.org/waan>.