

## Michigan

STATE MEDICAID FACTS

## **Protect Your Healthcare, Schools and Hospitals**

Congress is moving to approve \$600-\$800 billion in funding cuts to the Medicaid program. Millions of people could lose their healthcare under the plan being pushed through Congress.



#### medicaid helps 72 MILLION

people with disabilities, veterans, new mothers, retirees, students and low wage workers.

In Michigan, 2,196,410 people are supported by Medicaid. <sup>1</sup> This includes 37% percent of moms giving birth, <sup>2</sup> 39% percent of children<sup>3</sup> and 65% percent of grandparents and other seniors in nursing homes in Michigan. <sup>4</sup> Medicaid also supports veterans, students, working families and AFT members.

# more emergencies, less staff TRACEDY More patients will use the ER in

place of primary care, and staffing and workplace violence in hospitals will worsen if Medicaid funding is cut.

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payments to hospitals

wait times, rushed care,

Medicaid accounts for 19 percent of all payments to hospitals nationwide. <sup>5</sup> Cuts could lead to longer wait times, rushed care, hospital closures and an increase in workplace violence and other challenges faced by our healthcare members. Rural areas and small towns could be impacted the worst, with families having to travel hours for maternity or cancer care. <sup>6</sup>



## medicaid is the LARGEST

health insurance provider for children in the United States and covers about half of all kids.

School health professionals, like speech pathologists, occupational therapists and school nurses and psychologists, all rely on Medicaid funding. Without Medicaid, they will not be able to help as many of the 200,000 students in Michigan schools with disabilities.<sup>7</sup>



Michigan receives \$17,959,000,000 in federal Medicaid funding annually.<sup>8</sup> Gutting Medicaid will mean **job losses**—in hospitals, in schools and to Michigan public service jobs.

We're in this fight together. Bipartisan groups representing state legislators, state governments, county managers and cities are concerned about the fate of Medicaid.<sup>9</sup> And 71 percent of voters who supported President Trump oppose cuts to Medicaid.<sup>10</sup> We need you to tell the political leaders and donors in Washington, D.C., to keep their hands off of Michigan Medicaid Program: www.actionnetwork.org/letters/medicaid-cuts-2025.

The AFT is a union of professionals that champions fairness; democracy; economic opportunity; and high-quality public education, healthcare and public services for our students, their families and our communities. We are committed to advancing these principles through community engagement, organizing, collective bargaining and political activism, and especially through the work our members do.

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