

February 12, 2025

Members of the Wisconsin Congressional Delegation:

We write to you on behalf of 97 Wisconsin organizations, including counties, tribes, health care providers, advocates, and those representing impacted populations, concerned about the impact of major changes to Medicaid being considered at the federal level. ***Our request is simple: Protect Medicaid.***

A [recently released list](#) includes up to \$2.3 trillion in cuts to the federal Medicaid program during this session of Congress. With ***almost 1 in 5 Wisconsinites receiving health care coverage and/or long term care services*** through one of Wisconsin's Medicaid programs, the ramifications of any of these cuts would be significant across all populations. Wisconsin's 19 Medicaid-funded programs currently provide services to:

- 1 in 3 Wisconsin children across both rural and metro areas;
- 1 in 3 Wisconsinites with disabilities;
- 4 in 7 Wisconsin nursing home residents;
- 1 in 6 Medicare beneficiaries in Wisconsin; and
- 1 in 7 Wisconsin adults ages 19-64, more than half of whom are parents/caretakers

In addition to the number of Wisconsinites whose health and long term care needs are met through Medicaid, ***Wisconsin's workforce would also be significantly impacted.*** This would include not only low-income Wisconsin workers who rely on Medicaid for their primary health care coverage, but also the health care workforce providing services to Wisconsin's Medicaid recipients through counties, home and community-based services, hospitals, nursing homes, and many other employers.

Wisconsin cannot afford these proposed cuts to Medicaid funding. The long term impact of rising health care costs and hit to the Wisconsin workforce could not be absorbed by the Wisconsin state budget even with substantial tax increases. Nor could they be absorbed by Wisconsinites whose health and livelihoods would be at stake were these cuts implemented.

Thank you for your consideration, and please reach out with questions to any of the organizations listed below. Organizations located in your district and/or serving your constituents are ready to share their unique concerns.

Respectfully,

ABC for Health, Inc.

ADRC of Eagle Country Governing Board

Aging and Disability Professional Association of Wisconsin

American Lung Association

Anesis Therapy

Angels at home

Anisa's Way

Aptiv

Arc-Dane County

Ascend Services, Inc

Aspiro, Inc.

Autism Society of Greater Wisconsin

Autism Society of South Central Wisconsin

Black Leaders Organizing for Communities (BLOC)

Board on Aging and Long Term Care

BRIDGE for Community Life, Inc.

Campbell House LLC

Canopy Center

Casa UpNorth, Inc.

Catholic Charities, Inc., Diocese of Madison

Center for Caregiver Serenity

Centers For Independence (CFI)

Chrysalis Inc.

Citizen Action of Wisconsin

Clarity Care INC.

Coalition of Wisconsin Aging and Health Groups

Community Advocates, Inc.

Community Living Alliance

Creative Community Living Services (CCLS)

DAIS (Domestic Abuse Intervention Services, Inc.)

Disability Rights Wisconsin

Disability Service Provider Network

Dungarvin Wisconsin, LLC

Employment Resources Inc

Falcons Club International

Foundations Counseling Center

Good News Project, Inc

Great Lakes Inter-Tribal Council, Inc.

Greater Wisconsin Agency on Aging Resources, Inc.

Habitat for Humanity of Wisconsin River Area

Hancock Center for Creative Arts
Therapies

Healthfirst Network

Ho-Chunk Nation

Hope Inspired

InControl Wisconsin

Journey Mental Health Center

JustDane, Inc.

Kids Forward

Lakeside Packaging Plus

LeadingAge Wisconsin

Living Our Visions Inc

Main Street Alliance

Milwaukee County Commission on
Aging

Movin' Out, Inc.

NAMI Northern Lakes

NAMI Northwoods

NAMI Wisconsin

National Association of Social Workers,
Wisconsin Chapter

North Shore Health

Orion Family Services

Pantheon Industries

Planned Parenthood Advocates of
Wisconsin

Rainbow House

Respite Care Association of Wisconsin

Richland County Health and Human
Services - ADRC of Eagle Country-
Richland County office

RISE Wisconsin, Inc.

Rogers Behavioral Health

SOAR Case Management Services, Inc.

Special Olympics Wisconsin

Stonehouse Counseling

The Arc Fond du Lac, Inc.

The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society

The Rainbow Project Child & Family
Counseling & Community Resource
Clinic

Triquestrian, LLC.

VARC

WI Assn of Family & Children's Agencies

Wisconsin Aging Advocacy Network

Wisconsin Association of Benefit
Specialists

Wisconsin Autism Providers Association

Wisconsin Board for People with
Developmental Disabilities

Wisconsin Chapter of the American
Academy of Pediatrics (WIAAP)

Wisconsin Coalition Against Sexual
Assault

Wisconsin Coalition for Serious Illness &
Caregiving

Wisconsin Coalition of Independent
Living Centers

Wisconsin Council of the Blind &
Visually Impaired

Wisconsin Counties Association

Wisconsin County Human Service
Association

Wisconsin Disability Advocacy Team

Wisconsin Family Ties, Inc.

Wisconsin Farmers Union

Wisconsin Institute for Healthy Aging

Wisconsin Personal Services
Association, Inc. (WPSA)

Wisconsin Primary Health Care
Association

Wisconsin Public Education Network

Wisconsin Society for Respiratory Care

WOTA

Yahara House

YWCA Madison