

**AMENDMENT TO H. CON. RES. 14, AS REPORTED
OFFERED BY MR. AMO OF RHODE ISLAND**

Add at the end of title IV the following:

1 SEC. ____ . POLICY STATEMENT ON PROTECTING MEDICAID.

2 (a) FINDINGS.—The House finds the following:

3 (1) Medicaid provides critical health coverage to
4 72 million Americans, including 30 million children,
5 and more than 306,000 Rhode Island residents who
6 rely on the program to get health care, nursing
7 home care, and other life-saving services including
8 home- and community-based services that help peo-
9 ple with disabilities.

10 (2) Medicaid provides critical health care and
11 life-saving services for working families, seniors, chil-
12 dren, and people with disabilities in every congres-
13 sional district.

14 (3) Medicaid is the single most important pro-
15 gram helping children and working families, includ-
16 ing pregnant women and children with disabilities.
17 Medicaid and the Children’s Health Insurance Pro-
18 gram cover nearly 40 percent of all children and
19 more than 40 percent of all births. Medicaid also
20 provides 12 months of postpartum coverage in near-

1 ly every State. It also provides comprehensive cov-
2 erage for children with disabilities with little to no
3 out-of-pocket costs.

4 (4) Medicaid covers 17 million older adults and
5 people with disabilities. Medicaid is the primary
6 source of long-term care in our nation, accounting
7 for 61 percent of the national spending in 2022.
8 Over 7.8 million people with disabilities rely on Med-
9 icaid-funded Home and Community Based Services.
10 Another 1.5 million people, including 6 in 10 nurs-
11 ing facility residents, rely on Medicaid for institu-
12 tional long-term services and supports.

13 (5) Medicaid is the single largest payer in the
14 country for behavioral health services, helping people
15 with mental health and substance use disorders, cov-
16 ering about one quarter of total spending.

17 (6) Medicaid provides critical coverage to one-
18 fifth of Americans living in small towns and rural
19 areas who face provider shortages, limited
20 connectivity, and long distances to travel to access
21 care.

22 (7) We must lower health care costs and protect
23 access to care for all Americans, including working
24 families, seniors, children, people with intellectual
25 and developmental disabilities in need of life-saving

1 services, and people with mental health and sub-
2 stance use disorders.

3 (8) We must reject Republicans' extreme Med-
4 icaid cuts to fund more tax breaks for the wealthy.
5 Their policies strip people of their health care cov-
6 erage, cut benefits leading to missed care and higher
7 costs, and cut payments to hospitals, which will re-
8 duce services and quality.

9 (b) POLICY ON PROTECTING MEDICAID FOR WORK-
10 ING FAMILIES, SENIORS, CHILDREN, AND PEOPLE WITH
11 DISABILITIES.—It is the policy of this resolution that
12 Congress protect Medicaid and reject any bill or joint reso-
13 lution, or amendment thereto or conference report there-
14 on, that would—

15 (1) reduce coverage for individuals enrolled
16 under the Medicaid program under title XIX of the
17 Social Security Act;

18 (2) shift the responsibility for funding such pro-
19 gram or for coverage under such program to States;
20 or

21 (3) include a net reduction in Federal funding
22 for such program.

