

Amendment to the Senate Amendment to H. Con. Res. 14

At the end of Title V, add the following:

Sec. 5004. POLICY STATEMENT ON PROTECTING MEDICAID.

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

- (1) Medicaid provides critical health coverage to 72 million Americans, including 30 million children, and more than 306,000 Rhode Island residents who rely on the program to get health care, nursing home care, and other life-saving services including home- and community-based services that help people with disabilities.
- (2) Medicaid provides critical health care and life-saving services for working families, seniors, children, and people with disabilities in every congressional district.
- (3) Medicaid is the single most important program helping children and working families, including pregnant women and children with disabilities. Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program cover nearly 40 percent of all children and more than 40 percent of all births. Medicaid also provides 12 months of postpartum coverage in nearly every State. It also provides comprehensive coverage for children with disabilities with little to no out-of-pocket costs.
- (4) Medicaid covers 17 million older adults and people with disabilities. Medicaid is the primary source of long-term care in our nation, accounting for 61 percent of the national spending in 2022. Over 7.8 million people with disabilities rely on Medicaid-funded Home and Community Based Services. Another 1.5 million people, including 6 in 10 nursing facility residents, rely on Medicaid for institutional long-term services and supports.
- (5) Medicaid is the single largest payer in the country for behavioral health services, helping people with mental health and substance use disorders, covering about one quarter of total spending.
- (6) Medicaid provides critical coverage to one fifth of Americans living in small towns and rural areas who face provider shortages, limited connectivity, and long distances to travel to access care.
- (7) We must lower health care costs and protect access to care for all Americans, including working families, seniors, children, people with intellectual and developmental disabilities in need of life-saving services, and people with mental health and substance use disorders.

- (8) We must reject Republicans' extreme Medicaid cuts to fund more tax breaks for the wealthy. Their policies strip people of their health care coverage, cut benefits leading to missed care and higher costs, and cut payments to hospitals, which will reduce services and quality.

(b) POLICY ON PROTECTING MEDICAID FOR WORKING FAMILIES, SENIORS, CHILDREN, AND PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES. — It is the policy of this resolution that Congress protect Medicaid and reject any bill or joint resolution, or amendment thereto or conference report thereon, that would—

- (1) reduce coverage for individuals enrolled under the Medicaid program under title XIX of the Social Security Act;
- (2) shift the responsibility for funding such program or for coverage under such program to States; or
- (3) include a net reduction in Federal funding for such program.