ACTION ALERT

Call now to stop Congress from cutting $880 Billion from Medicaid.

Congress is moving fast to make drastic cuts to the Medicaid program. The level of these cuts will decimate the Medicaid program. Amendments recently made to the bill do not stop drastic cuts to Medicaid.

The House of Representatives is voting on the bill Thursday, March 23.

People’s health and lives are at stake! We need advocates to contact their Senators and Representatives to tell them to stop the cuts to Medicaid. Advocates need to explain why Medicaid is essential to people with disabilities, older adults, and children.

Message to Congress: Do NOT cut, cap or block grant Medicaid!

Medicaid is a jointly funded program. In Utah, about 70% is paid by the federal government. Under the proposed per capita cap, the federal government would set a limit based on enrollment in the Medicaid program. Under the proposed block grant, states would be given a set amount of money not based on the number of enrollees or how much states spend. Under current law, funding is based on the actual cost of services. Per capita caps and block grants will inevitably force states to cut funding or pass along cost to consumers. Additionally, the proposed cuts to Medicaid will likely force the State to cut services. Negative impacts to Medicaid recipients include:

- Losing DSPD services, forcing waiting lists to quickly grow.
- The loss of other critical services, such as pregnancy services, ABA therapy, mental health services, and prescription drug services.
- Being forced into unnecessary institutionalization, going back to the days of “warehousing” people with disabilities.

Take Action:

Call your Senators and Representatives today at (202) 224-3121. Now is the time take action. Every call matters! Don’t let Congress take away necessary health care and services for millions.

What to Say:

- I am your constituent.
- Do NOT allow restructuring and cuts to Medicaid to be part of any ACA repeal or replacement efforts.
- I will be impacted by these cuts to Medicaid (explain how, i.e., I am a person with a disability, I have a family member who will be impacted, etc.).