UNDERSTANDING MEDICAID: 50+ YEARS OF AFFORDABLE, QUALITY COVERAGE

COST EFFECTIVE
If Medicaid recipients – who are mostly seniors, people with disabilities, and children – were to get their health care from employer-based coverage, spending per person would be 25% higher.

KEEPS PRIVATE INSURANCE COSTS LOW
Since Medicaid covers many of the sickest Americans, it helps keep premiums, deductibles, and co-pays down for healthy Americans.

STATES CAN PRIORITIZE IMMEDIATE NEEDS
Federal matching funds for Medicaid allow states to respond quickly to economic downturns, natural disasters, and public health emergencies like Zika.

DRIVES STATE ECONOMIES
Health care providers who serve Medicaid recipients and vendors who provide technologies covered by Medicaid benefit, too.

GIVES STATES FLEXIBILITY
States largely decide who is eligible, what services to cover, and other details. They can also ask for permission to explore different approaches and try new ideas.
MEDICAID PROVIDES CRITICAL HEALTH COVERAGE TO OVER 300,000 UTAHNS, INCLUDING 200K CHILDREN.

Affordable Coverage
Federal law substantially limits out-of-pocket costs for a family based on their income. Medicaid also helps nearly 10 million low-income Medicare recipients cover healthcare costs.

Improved Health Outcomes
Medicaid is the gold standard in coverage for children. Research also shows it leads to better outcomes for all beneficiaries.

Long-Term Care
Medicaid is often the only source of coverage for nursing home and intensive mental health care for seniors and people with disabilities.

Community Integration
Medicaid expands access to community-based supports, which enable seniors and people with disabilities to remain active, productive, and contributing members of their communities.

Medicaid is Popular
A majority of Americans believe Medicaid is important to them or their family, and two-thirds do not support drastic cuts to the program.

Medicaid is Under Threat
The ACA replacement bill and the White House budget together recommend $1.3 trillion in cuts to Medicaid. Please stand with us to oppose ALL Medicaid cuts, caps, and block grants.

To Strengthen Medicaid, We Propose:
- Providing care and treatment to address Utah's opioid epidemic
- Expanding early childhood preventive care to support healthy development
- Ending the bias in favor of costly facility-based care
- Incentivizing innovative and evidence-based models and practices, like medical homes and physical/mental health integration, which prioritize outcome-based care

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