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Medi-Cal is California's Medicaid Program

Medi-Cal covers 15.28 million people as of September 2022, about 40% of California's population.

California Kids with Disabilities Need Medi-Cal

5 million children depend on Medi-Cal in California, including 980,000 Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs (CYSHCN). All kids, especially our most vulnerable kids, depend on Medicaid!

Medi-Cal Funds Regional Centers, Early Start, Special Education and more

In California, many other critical programs for children with disabilities and complex medical needs receive money through Medicaid, including: Regional Centers (Early Start services, Respite Care, Supported Living, Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, Speech, Nursing, Behavioral and Mental Health, etc.), California Children's Services (CCS), In-Home Supported Services (IHSS), Special Education services, Behavioral and Mental Health, and more.

Medicaid Funds Children's Hospitals

Medicaid provides more than 50% of funding for children's hospitals. Children's hospitals are at the core of the health care delivery system for children, bringing together teams of specialists to provide care not available in any other setting. **Even if you have private insurance, Medicaid cuts will impact you!**

Medicaid is Essential for Californians

California's 2024-2025 budget has \$161 billion for Medi-Cal, roughly half of which is funded by the federal government. Federal Medicaid cuts would force millions of Californians to lose Medi-Cal coverage, experience worse health outcomes, increase medical debt, and push families into financial insecurity. Medicaid cuts would be devastating for California.



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