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**PROPOSED CUTS TO FEDERAL
MEDICAID SPENDING COULD REACH
\$880 BILLION.**

Although there are no detailed proposals on how Congress plans to accomplish it, recent reports from multiple sources indicate that up to \$880 billion in federal Medicaid dollars may be cut over the next 10 years. Any potential federal Medicaid cuts may also significantly impact Medicaid recipients in their respective states. Seniors, people with disabilities, and families, including children, rely on Medicaid to provide crucial supports.

To offset any potential loss in federal Medicaid dollars, states may opt to cut funding to other programs or raise state income taxes to prevent cutting Medicaid services at the state level. Cuts to Medicaid would cause an undue burden to Medicaid beneficiaries, families, and friends who may be caregivers. In addition, cuts will create significant barriers for individuals with disabilities who are working and may also force caregivers to limit or pass on opportunities for substantial employment. This could lead to families remaining in poverty, and force individuals who depend on Medicaid services to work to remain on the SSI and SSDI roles, expanding program expenditures, and limiting a beneficiary's ability to work towards self support.

At risk could be state waiver services, that provide crucial supports an individual may need to perform activities of daily living or state Medicaid buy-in programs allow working individuals with disabilities the potential to

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earn substantially more and save substantially more in resources than the traditional Medicaid programs. This brief summarizes the problem well. For further research:

KFF Medicaid Cuts Summary.

If you want to educate your representatives on the impact that potential cuts will have on people going to work, you can find contact information for your state and federal elected officials at [Find My Representative](#).

Telling short, specific stories about how potential cuts to Medicaid services would impact the people you're working with will help your representatives better understand the problem.

Your voice matters, and you can encourage beneficiaries, their family members, and caregivers also to contact their officials. Medicaid cuts are one issue, but there are other issues you can support and ways to get involved. The rest of this issue provides more information on other opportunities to do so.

Contacting Your Representatives

NABWIS urges our members to continue to contact your representatives in Congress in support of the SSI Restoration Act Bill.

The bill would eliminate the marriage penalty and increase SSI federal benefit amounts and resource limits for SSI beneficiaries. To view the bill, visit [Text - H.R.7138 - 118th Congress \(2023-2024\): Supplemental Security Income Restoration Act of 2024 | Congress.gov | Library of Congress](#).

Contact your representatives:
<https://www.house.gov/representatives/findyour-representative>

2025 Legislative Opportunities

Throughout 2025, several members of the NABWIS policy committee will have opportunities to visit with legislators and provide feedback on some of the biggest barriers and challenges benefits planners face in providing timely and efficient services and how these challenges impact the people we serve. We would like to hear from you. We encourage our members to provide suggestions on how Congress can support the mission of the Social Security Administration, improve return-to-work services and support for the individuals we serve, and enhance the resources available to benefits practitioners and the field of benefits planning.

We're not looking for "Social Security could do this better"; instead, we are looking for suggestions on improving efficiency through legislative action. If you have feedback you would like to share, please email Michael.Klinger@dars.virginia.gov. Suggestions will be compiled and discussed at upcoming policy meetings. Your comments and suggestions may be used to support our work as appropriate. Contributions can remain confidential if preferred.

A Message from the NABWIS Board

The NABWIS newsletter is geared toward keeping our members apprised on updates pertaining to federal Social Security benefits, legislative changes, and ways you can partner with the NABWIS board to help inspire change for the individuals we serve. This is YOUR newsletter. If you have comments or suggestions on content in future issues, please email contact@nabwis.org.



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