



## Medicaid Cuts in Senate TrumpCare Bust State Budgets

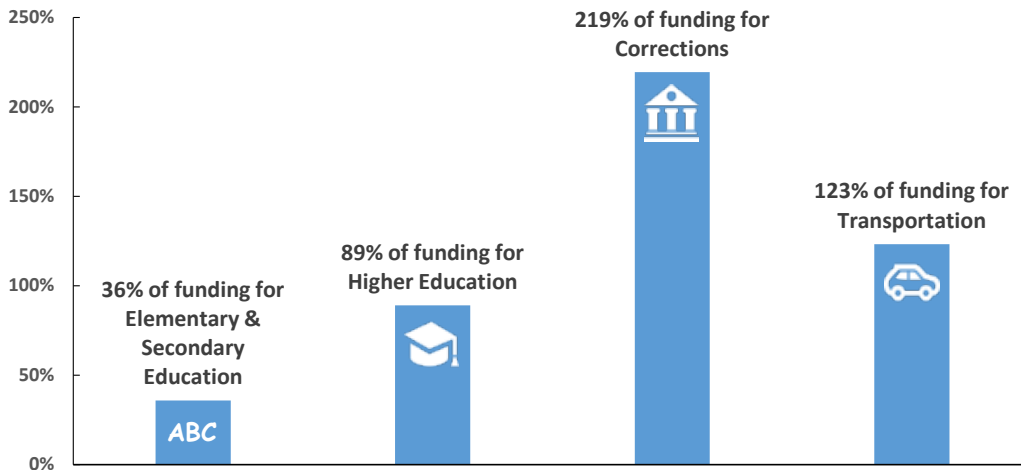
According to the Congressional Budget Office (CBO), Senate TrumpCare will cut \$772 billion in Medicaid over the next decade by ending federal support for Medicaid expansion and imposing arbitrary spending caps, ultimately cutting the program by over a quarter in 2026.<sup>1</sup> Recently, CBO estimated that the Senate bill would cut the Medicaid program by 35 percent in 2036.<sup>2</sup> If their proposal becomes law, Republicans would end the Medicaid program as we know it, shifting the financial burden onto states and families.

Started in 1965, the Medicaid program provides critical, cost-effective health care to millions of children, seniors, veterans, women, and the disabled. In schools, Medicaid provides support for health care services, including preventive care, services for children with disabilities, and even crucial diagnoses and treatment in rural areas through telemedicine.<sup>3</sup>

By slashing federal Medicaid funding, TrumpCare shifts a huge financial burden onto states, forcing states to make tough choices about whether to deny coverage, restrict benefits, or cut other parts of their budgets to keep offering people health care.<sup>4</sup> If the 35 percent cut occurred today, on average a state would have to cut nearly 90 percent of its budget for higher education to cover the loss and maintain its current Medicaid coverage.

### Republican Medicaid Plan Busts State Budgets

To avoid kicking people off their care, on average a state would have to cut...



Source: Joint Economic Committee Democrats calculations based on data from the Congressional Budget Office and the National Association of State Budget Officers, 2015 State Expenditure Report.

Note: Illustrative example of the average effect of a 35 percent cut to federal Medicaid funding, based on 2015 federal and state Medicaid cost-sharing and state budgets in 2015. In 2036, CBO projects that Medicaid spending will be 35 percent lower than current law.

Cuts to State Budgets to Make Up for BCRA Cuts				
State	Elementary & Secondary Education	OR Higher Education	OR Corrections	OR Transportation
Alabama	34%	36%	244%	181%
Alaska	22%	32%	84%	44%
Arizona	76%	79%	305%	350%
Arkansas	54%	45%	323%	175%
California	40%	142%	149%	220%
Colorado	20%	34%	193%	153%
Connecticut	32%	45%	166%	58%
Delaware	20%	115%	143%	82%
Florida	39%	90%	173%	73%
Georgia	26%	28%	141%	170%
Hawaii	26%	38%	172%	38%
Idaho	30%	76%	164%	112%
Illinois	51%	174%	230%	61%
Indiana	29%	117%	294%	252%
Iowa	33%	20%	223%	74%
Kansas	16%	30%	177%	88%
Kentucky	59%	48%	441%	125%
Louisiana	40%	63%	201%	201%
Maine	45%	180%	309%	123%
Maryland	32%	37%	130%	57%
Massachusetts	41%	40%	168%	45%
Michigan	34%	185%	191%	179%
Minnesota	26%	123%	395%	60%
Mississippi	49%	37%	346%	183%
Missouri	35%	136%	232%	83%
Montana	31%	42%	126%	83%
Nebraska	27%	15%	104%	67%
Nevada	49%	101%	272%	246%
New Hampshire	35%	248%	285%	149%
New Jersey	26%	68%	199%	87%
New Mexico	52%	61%	452%	322%
New York	43%	99%	334%	131%
North Carolina	35%	53%	161%	96%
North Dakota	25%	20%	216%	17%
Ohio	29%	100%	142%	136%
Oklahoma	36%	24%	221%	143%
Oregon	62%	614%	261%	85%
Pennsylvania	49%	304%	216%	99%
Rhode Island	49%	46%	240%	163%
South Carolina	45%	37%	256%	221%
South Dakota	42%	27%	171%	75%
Tennessee	48%	52%	239%	256%
Texas	31%	63%	217%	108%
Utah	20%	34%	155%	67%
Vermont	20%	347%	210%	126%
Virginia	23%	24%	110%	33%
Washington	23%	34%	193%	82%
West Virginia	43%	44%	395%	90%
Wisconsin	27%	35%	139%	84%
Wyoming	14%	33%	83%	25%

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.cbo.gov/publication/52849>

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.cbo.gov/publication/52859>

<sup>3</sup> <http://www.cbpp.org/research/health/medicaid-helps-schools-help-children>; <http://www.pewtrusts.org/en/research-and-analysis/blogs/stateline/2017/01/04/telemedicine-in-schools-helps-keep-kids-in-the-classroom>

<sup>4</sup> <http://www.cbpp.org/research/health/senate-bill-would-effectively-eliminate-medicare-expansion-by-shifting-hundreds-of>