Protect Healthcare for Children, Seniors and People with Disabilities

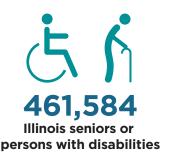
Illinois' Medicaid program is our healthcare safety net, providing coverage to:







children



Medicaid supports essential healthcare services for Illinoisans, including care for:

- More than **50%** of all births
- 53% of all children's hospital visits
- 17% of rural hospital patient care days
- 44% of behavioral-health emergency department visits
- 325 thousand inpatient stays and more than 2.5 million outpatient visits

The Medicaid Fiscal Accountability Proposed Rule (MFAR) Proposed Changes = Drastic Funding Cuts

Medicaid, a federal-state partnership, gives states flexibility to design programs to best meet their needs. Proposed changes would:

- Restrict the state's options for financing its share of care in order to receive federal matching dollars
- Dramatically change the program without appropriate data to inform such major policy changes
- Result in drastic funding cuts and barriers to care for millions who rely on Medicaid

Dramatic Funding Cuts Could:

Reduce or eliminate access to necessary healthcare services for

3 million

vulnerable Illinoisans

Increase local and state taxes to try to fill the gap

