



# PROTECT MEDICAID: A LIFELINE & SMART INVESTMENT FOR MICHIGAN



## MEDICAID IN MICHIGAN IS ESSENTIAL, NOT OPTIONAL

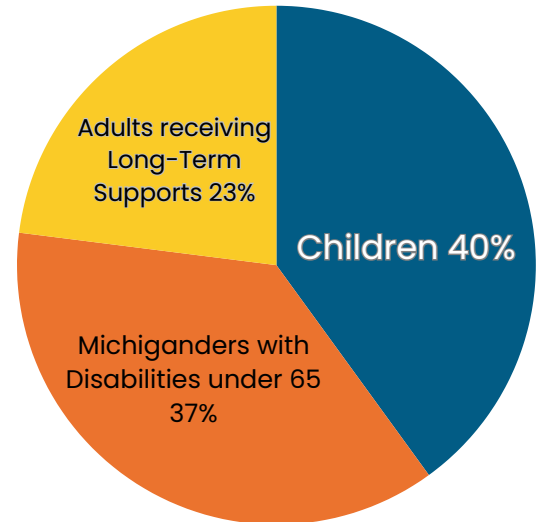
Medicaid provides health care and long-term supports to over 2.6 million Michiganders

*These aren't just statistics —these are our family members, friends, neighbors, and co-workers.*

## MEDICAID IS A SMART INVESTMENT NOT JUST AN EXPENSE

### Cuts don't save money - they shift costs elsewhere:

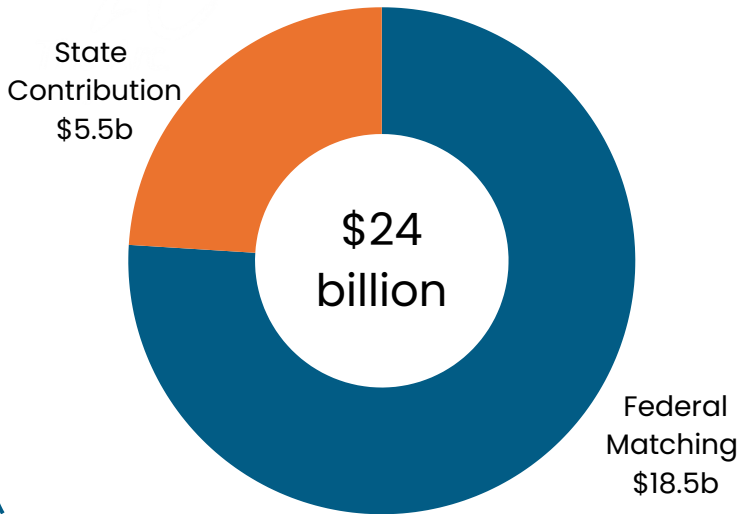
- ✗ More emergency room visits.
- ✗ More institutionalization - *costing 2-3x more than Home and Community-Based Service (HCBS) care.*
- ✗ More job losses and reliance on other government programs.
- ✗ Forcing more seniors into institutional care or going without services.
- ✔ **Preventative Care = Lower Costs** – Medicaid reduces ER visits and hospitalizations by ensuring access to regular doctor visits, medications, and early intervention services.
- ✔ HCBS (Home & Community-Based Services) **Saves Taxpayer Money** – Institutional care (nursing homes, state-run facilities) is 2-3 times more expensive per person than providing HCBS. Investing in community-based care keeps people independent at a lower cost.
- ✔ Supports Employment & Tax Revenue – Medicaid funds job training and employment support for people with disabilities, helping people stay in the workforce and **reducing reliance on government assistance.**
- ✔ Federal Medicaid Funding Reduces State Budget Strain – With the federal government covering 65-90% of Medicaid costs, the program is a great deal for Michigan taxpayers. **Cuts would force the state to raise taxes** or cut essential services elsewhere.



## WHAT'S AT STAKE?

- **Health & Well-Being** – Medicaid ensures critical access to doctors, therapies, and **medications for children** and adults with disabilities.
- **Dignity & Independence** – 239,000+ Michiganders with disabilities rely on Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) to **live outside of abusive institutions.**
- **Economic Security** – Medicaid prevents medical bankruptcies, protects families from overwhelming costs, and fuels local economies.
- Michigan Jobs & Rural Hospitals – Medicaid funding sustains health care jobs and **keeps rural hospitals open**, ensuring care isn't out of reach for those outside big cities.

## MEDICAID FUNDING IN MICHIGAN:



*71% of Michigan Voters  
OPPOSE cuts to  
Medicaid Funding.*

## CONGRESS MUST STAND WITH MICHIGAN – NOT AGAINST IT

**Medicaid is the foundation of disability services, and 344 organizations nationwide have warned Congress that cuts will:**

- ⊗ Strip Americans of lifesaving care.
- ⊗ Force states into budget crisis.
- ⊗ Destabilize hospitals and clinics.
- ⊗ Hurt families, workers, and the economy.
- ⊗ Deny care for seniors.

**President Trump has vowed to “love and cherish Medicaid.” It’s time to hold him – and all of congress – accountable.**

- No Cuts
- No block grants
- No caps
- No restrictions that jeopardize care.

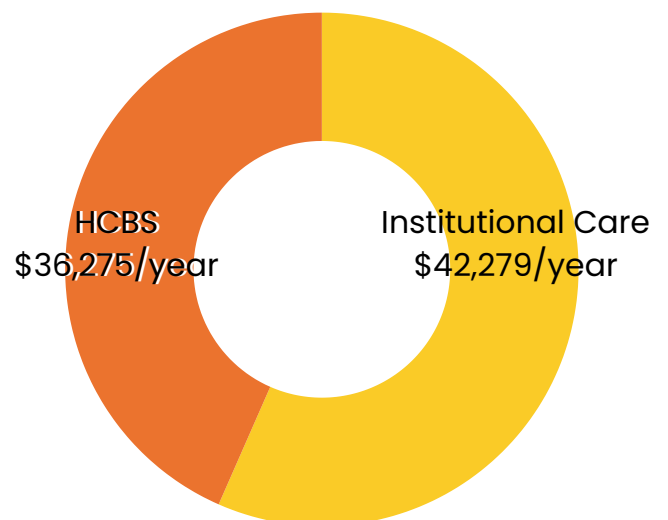
## PROTECTING MEDICAID IS THE FISCALLY RESPONSIBLE THING TO DO

### The Devastating Impact of Medicaid Cuts

- Shifting Costs to Michigan Families – Cuts would force the state to raise taxes or **reduce services**, straining already tight local budgets.
- HCBS at Risk – Michigan spends only 29.4% of Medicaid long-term services and supports (LTSS) on HCBS (Home & Community-Based Services), compared to the national average of 53.3%. Reductions in HCBS funding would **force even more people into institutions** instead of allowing them to live at home.
- Threat to Independence – Losing Medicaid funding means fewer job supports, fewer assistive devices, **fewer resources** for everyday life.
- A Weakened Workforce & Economy – Cuts don’t just hurt individuals—they shrink our health care workforce, close facilities, and **weaken Michigan’s economy**.

## AVERAGE YEARLY COST COMPARISON:

COMMUNITY-BASED VS. INSTITUTIONAL CARE



**PROTECT MEDICAID. PROTECT MICHIGAN.**