

# What Does a Medicaid Block Grant Mean?

## What is Medicaid?

Medicaid is healthcare for people who are low income and/or people with Intellectual and/or Developmental Disabilities. Each state has an agreement with the federal government on how they will provide Medicaid benefits in their state.

If States need more money they may be able to get additional funds from the federal government.

about **75** Million



adults and children have Medicaid in the United States.

## American Healthcare Act (AHCA)

President Trump and many members of Congress are looking to change Medicaid into a block grant.



**What is a Block Grant**



Instead of each state being able to get more money for Medicaid, whenever they need it, each state would get a set amount of money or block grant. States would then decide on how to use the money. Once states spend all the money from the grant, they cannot get anymore money.

## How would changing Medicaid into a Block Grant affect me?

### What could happen...



Services could be cut. States could cut benefits and/or force people to pay more money for their services.



Eligibility for Medicaid could change.



If Medicaid becomes a block grant it could pave the way for other systems change.

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