

# What's at Stake:

## Medicaid covers the people you know.



**The majority of California residents with Medicaid coverage are children**

**43%** of children in California are covered by Medicaid



**Medicaid protects access to care for rural communities**

Among California Medicaid beneficiaries, **49%** of children and **14%** of adults live in rural communities



**Medicaid supports access to essential obstetrics care, behavioral health services, and primary care**

**40%** of births in California are covered by Medicaid



**Medicaid provides access to care for low-income seniors**

**1.9M** seniors in California are dually eligible for Medicare and Medicaid

**Fact:** Medicaid chronically underpays for services.

Without supplemental payments, Medicaid fee-for-services payments nationally paid 58 cents for every dollar that hospitals spent caring for Medicaid patients, and Medicaid managed care organizations paid 65 cents.



**Protect Access to Care: The AHA urges Congress to reject reductions to the Medicaid program that would threaten health care access for patients.**



Sources: Data from KFF, Georgetown, industry benchmark data from Strata Decision Technology, LLC, and MACPAC. The data used for this document is current as of April 11, 2025.