

What's at Stake:

Medicaid covers the people you know.



The majority of Illinois residents with Medicaid coverage are children

35% of children in Illinois are covered by Medicaid



Medicaid protects access to care for rural communities

Among Illinois Medicaid beneficiaries, **23%** of children and **16%** of adults live in rural communities



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

40% of births in Illinois are covered by Medicaid



Medicaid provides access to care for low-income seniors

483K seniors in Illinois 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.