## What's at Stake: Medicaid covers the people you know.



The majority of Louisiana residents with Medicaid coverage are children

**54%** of children in Louisiana are covered by Medicaid



Medicaid protects access to care for rural communities

Among Louisiana Medicaid beneficiaries, **58%** of children and **30%** of adults live in rural communities



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

64% of births in Louisiana are covered by Medicaid

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Medicaid provides access to care for low-income seniors

**295K** seniors in Louisiana 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.

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

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