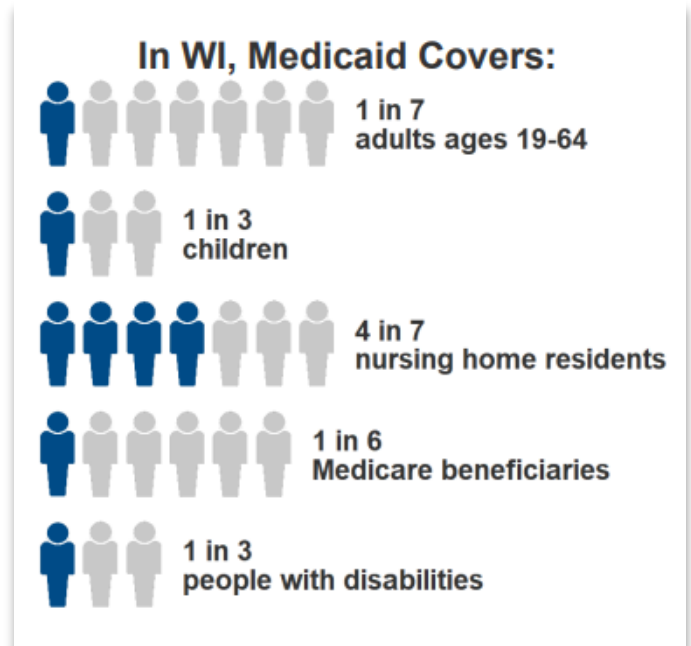


Medicaid in Wisconsin

- **1.2 M people** (18% of Wisconsin's population) get health or long-term care coverage through Medicaid.
- **Wisconsin's workforce and many jobs depend on Medicaid.** Medicaid funds pay workers' salaries and support small businesses, hospitals, mental health professionals, therapists, school based medical services, and many other jobs in every corner of Wisconsin.
- Medicaid is the main funding source for **mental health** care.
- **Medicaid funds almost all long-term care**, including Wisconsin's institution diversion programs—Family Care, IRIS, CLTS—that keep kids, people with disabilities, and older adults out of expensive Medicaid-funded nursing homes and institutions.
- Medicaid is the **only place older adults and people with disabilities can get the long term care and health care they need.** Private insurance does not cover some services at all, or enough.
- Veterans, older adults with dementia, foster kids, people with mental illness, unpaid caregivers who have had to leave the workforce to provide care, and low wage paid caregivers, depend on Medicaid.



- **States use federal Medicaid money to pay for the health and long-term care of people in Wisconsin's 19 state Medicaid programs and to pay the workers that provide care for those people.**

- 26% of Wisconsin's \$50B state budget is spent on Medicaid. The state and federal governments both help cover the cost of care.
- Congress's ideas to cut Medicaid means much less Federal Medicaid money would come to states to help run state Medicaid programs.
- These ideas would make large cuts right away and cuts to state Medicaid programs would deepen over time:
- These ideas could change who and what is covered under Medicaid.

Federal cuts mean big state budget holes that states can't fill with more state money.

- That would mean states would be left with bad choices. Wisconsin people would not get care, could not get all the care they need, or would be paid less to provide care.
- **For many people, even small cuts to the supports they rely on can spin lives into crisis or people into an expensive Medicaid funded institutional setting.**
- These proposed cuts are so large they will impact everyone in Medicaid.
- There is no way to single out certain people and have cuts only apply to them.

Ideas to cut Federal money spent on Medicaid and health care*

#1 Medicaid Block Grants	#2 Decrease amount of Federal Medicaid dollars (FMAP) going to states	#3 Limit amount of Medicaid dollars that can be spent on one person (per capita or lifetime cap)	#4 Law or policy changes to make it easier for states to cut Medicaid or keep people out of Medicaid programs
#5 Stop states from using money from Provider Taxes and other sources as part of state Medicaid match	#6 Change what must be covered under Affordable Care Act (ACA)	#7 Stop Federal money that lowers Affordable Care Act (ACA) premiums	#8 Lower or stop Federal funding for Medicaid expansion population

*There are more ideas in reports that would impact Medicaid beyond the 8 listed above.

1/13 [House list of spending cuts](#) released by Politico includes circled items and additional cuts to Medicaid.

1/14 U.S. Supreme Court agreed to take a case that could impact what must be covered under the ACA.