TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT MEDICAID

- **Telephone calls** have the greatest impact with federal lawmakers right now, well beyond emails or online petitions
- **Identify your Senators and Representative** by searching your address in our directory. You will get results allowing you to click through and easily find the phone numbers for both their D.C. and district offices.
- **When You Call**
  - **Speak to the Right Staff Member:**
    - When calling the DC office, ask for the staff member handling concerns related to Medicaid. If transferred, great! If not, ask for their name and continue talking to whoever answers.
    - District offices are less likely to have dedicated staff for this issue, so speak with whomever answers the phone.
    - In all cases, always provide your address so they can mark it down.
  - **Make It Personal and Demonstrate Impact:**
    - Share personal stories or concerns (e.g., "I voted for you and I'm worried about...", "As a nonprofit employee, I am focusing on...", "Cuts to Medicaid have this impact on our community...".
  - **Be Clear on Your Message:**
    - Clearly state your position: "I urge the Senator/Representative to protect Medicaid and oppose cuts and caps."
  - **Consider using other information from our suggested talking points below.**

Suggested Talking Points:

1. On behalf of [YOUR ORGANIZATION], **I am deeply concerned about massive cuts to Medicaid that are being considered.** The budget resolution proposed in the House of Representatives directs the Energy and Commerce Committee to cut at least $880 billion in spending—which would almost certainly come out of Medicaid funding. **If you support this budget resolution, you are locking in massive cuts to Medicaid.**

2. **The size of these cuts leaves no doubt that millions of people will lose their health care coverage and providers will close, further harming access to care and burdening the healthcare system.** Medicaid provides coverage to more than 70 million people, including low-income families, older adults and people with disabilities. The program covers services ranging from mental healthcare, long-term care and medications that many people could not otherwise afford.

3. Data specific to the lawmaker:

   - In our state, ## people are covered by Medicaid [state specific data available from the Modern Medicaid Alliance]

   - In our Congressional district, ## people are covered by Medicaid/CHIP [Congressional district specific data from Georgetown University]

4. **Medicaid improves access to care and reduces burdens on the health system** because people with Medicaid are more likely to see a doctor before they are really sick, be connected to a primary care provider, and receive regular care for chronic conditions. All of this keeps health care costs lower.

5. **The services my organization provides allow people to move forward in their daily lives,** and keeps people healthy to attend work and school: protecting Medicaid means children miss fewer school days and are more likely to earn more as adults; families have less risk of medical debt and can afford to buy groceries and pay rent; seniors are more able to stay healthy and receive needed care.

6. **Medicaid coverage also impacts the availability of current and future workers:** healthier people are more available to work, and children who succeed in school are more likely to receive the future education and training needed to fill gaps in the workforce.

7. **Share a story of impact, reminding lawmakers that these are your family members, neighbors, frontline healthcare workers.**