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# Medicaid: What's at Stake

Capitol Conversations

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# Timing for Congressional Action?

## Proposed reconciliation timeline from Speaker Johnson:

-  Week of Feb. 10: House Budget Committee approves a budget resolution, followed by a House floor vote
-  Week of Feb. 17: Senate vote-a-rama to adopt a budget resolution
-  A week to negotiate a bicameral resolution that serves as a compromise between the House and Senate plans
-  Feb 27: Final vote to adopt a concurrent budget resolution backed by Republicans in both chambers

Not done yet

By Easter: Pass a reconciliation package in the House floor

 By Memorial Day: Final passage

# What's Next? Reconciling House and Senate Budget

## Questions Remain:

- Senate and House must pass SAME budget resolution - so, one “Big, Beautiful Bill” or two packages?

## HOUSE:

- Consolidated Approach -
- \$4.5 Trillion in Cuts being Sought -
- \$880 Billion specifically targeted at Health – Medicaid



## SENATE:

- 2-Phase Approach
- Starting with \$2 Billion Target as a Floor



# Risks to Medicaid

From Modern Healthcare – 1/22/25

*Murphy emphasized that Congress should still carefully look at ways to save money on Medicaid. That includes enforcing [eligibility standards](#), perhaps changing [funding formulas](#), possibly going to block grants and certainly looking at making the program more efficient, he said.* -Rep. Dr. Greg Murphy (R-NC)

## What has surfaced in Majority Plans in Congress thus far?

Converting Medicaid from open-ended entitlement financing to ["per capita" funding](#), which would reduce federal support by \$900 billion over 10 years.

Eliminating enhanced federal payments to states that expanded Medicaid under the ACA, which would cut the program by \$561 billion.

Establishing work requirements for Medicaid, which would reduce spending by \$100 billion.

Restricting states from using [provider taxes](#) and [state-directed payments](#) to coax higher federal Medicaid funding, which would save about \$200 billion.

# What are the Key Committees to Focus On?

## House:

### Energy & Commerce – Health Subcommittee

Leaders: **Rep. Brett Guthrie (R-KY) & Rep. Diana DeGette (D-CO)**

Health Subcommittee: **Rep. Buddy Carter (R-GA) & Rep. DeGette (D-CO)**

### House Ways & Means

Leaders: **Rep. Jason Smith (R-MO) and Rep. Richard Neal (D-MA)**

### House Appropriations

Leaders: **Rep. Tom Cole (R-OK) & Rep. Rosa DeLauro (D-CT)**

## Senate:

### Senate Health, Education, Labor, Pensions (HELP)

Leaders: **Sen. Bill Cassidy (R-LA) & Sen. Bernie Sanders (I-VT)**

### Senate Finance

Leaders: **Sen. Mike Crapo (R-ID) & Sen. Ron Wyden (D-OR)**

### Senate Appropriations

Leaders: **Sen. Susan Collins (R-ME) & Sen. Patty Murray (D-WA)**

# What Can You Do?

- **If you haven't already - contact your member of the House of Representatives and your two Senators using our alert.**
  - They need to understand the implications of cuts to Medicaid.
- **House on Recess Next Week**
  - Ask for a meeting
  - Attend a town hall
- **Senate**
  - Ask for a meeting – even virtually

**Capital Conversations – On-Going...**

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[Meeting Registration – Zoom](#)

- **Take Action: <https://lutheranservices.org/take-action/#/>**

# Questions?

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