



Medicaid: A Lifeline for People with Disabilities

Medicaid is **the largest provider of healthcare** for Pennsylvanians with disabilities, ensuring access to **critical medical services, home-based care, and assistive technologies**. Nearly **half a million** low-income individuals with disabilities in PA rely on Medicaid for their health and well-being.

Key Benefits of Medicaid for People with Disabilities

Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS)

- Medicaid funds **personal attendants, assistive technologies, and home modifications**, allowing individuals with disabilities to remain in their homes rather than being forced into costly institutions.
- HCBS is **40-50% cheaper** than institutional care, making it both cost-effective and beneficial for independent living.

Employment and Economic Independence

- Many individuals with disabilities work **part-time or full-time**, but employer-based insurance may not cover their healthcare needs.
- Medicaid waivers **supports job training and employment assistance**, ensuring that people with disabilities can contribute to their communities.

Impact of Cuts to Medicaid on Disability Community

Cuts to Medicaid in Pennsylvania would have **devastating consequences** for people with disabilities, leading to **forced institutionalization**, loss of **independence**, and **increased financial strain** on families. Without Medicaid, many individuals would lose access to **in-home care, assistive devices, and transportation**, forcing them into **costly nursing homes**. Families who rely on Medicaid-funded services would face **caregiver burnout and lost wages**, while **higher healthcare costs** from preventable hospitalizations would burden **state budgets, hospitals, and taxpayers**.