

AMERICAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION WOMEN PHYSICIANS SECTION

Resolution: (Assigned by HOD)  
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Subject: Preservation of Medicaid

Referred to: Reference Committee (Assigned by HOD)

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Whereas, Medicaid provides healthcare coverage to 80 million low-income Americans, including pregnant women, children, adults, seniors, people with disabilities, and LGBTQIA+ individuals<sup>1</sup>; and

Whereas, Medicaid improves health outcomes, with expansion linked to a 6% reduction in all-cause mortality, a 23% increase in self-reporting health as excellent, and 41% higher likelihood of having a usual care source<sup>2-9</sup>; and

Whereas, Medicaid finances 40% of all births (including nearly 50% of births in rural communities), insures 40% of individuals under 18 years of age, is the largest single payer for behavioral health services, including substance use disorder (SUD) treatment, and is the largest payer of long term care services in the United States<sup>10-13</sup>; and

Whereas, women physicians are more likely to serve patient populations who rely heavily on Medicaid funding and would be disproportionately impacted by federal funding cuts<sup>14</sup>; and

Whereas, previous efforts to cut Medicaid spending via work requirements did not increase employment and instead led to problems paying off medical debt, delayed care, and delayed taking medications due to cost<sup>15,16</sup>; and

Whereas, the federal government finances 69% of Medicaid nationally, ensuring states can provide care without excessive fiscal burden<sup>17</sup>; and

Whereas, reductions to federal funding of Medicaid or changes to Medicaid eligibility at the federal level would lead to substantial loss of coverage for millions of Americans; and

Whereas, U.S. Congress is considering cutting federal Medicaid spending by adopting a per-capita financing model, reducing the federal match rate, and imposing work requirements on certain enrollees —policies shown to force coverage reductions<sup>18</sup>; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that our American Medical Association will make preservation of federal funding and eligibility for Medicaid an urgent and top legislative advocacy priority, effective immediately at the conclusion of the Annual 2025 House of Delegates Meeting; and be it further

35 RESOLVED, our AMA strongly opposes federal and state efforts to restrict eligibility and funding  
 36 for all public health insurance programs, including Medicaid and CHIP.

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#### RELEVANT AMA POLICY

##### Medicaid Expansion D-290.979

1. Our American Medical Association, at the invitation of state medical societies, will work with state and specialty medical societies in advocating at the state level to expand Medicaid eligibility to 133% (138% FPL including the income disregard) of the Federal Poverty Level as authorized by the ACA and will advocate for an increase in Medicaid payments to physicians and improvements and innovations in Medicaid that will reduce administrative burdens and deliver healthcare services more effectively, even as coverage is expanded.
2. Our AMA will:
  - a. continue to advocate strongly for expansion of the Medicaid program to all states and reaffirm existing policies D-290.979, H 290.965 and H-165.823.
  - b. work with interested state medical associations and national medical specialty societies to provide AMA resources on Medicaid expansion and covering the uninsured to health care professionals to inform the public of the importance of expanded health insurance coverage to all.

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