

## Medicaid cuts will hurt the 40% of people with HIV with Medicaid coverage

### Estimated impact of proposals to cut Medicaid

The Congressional Budget Office estimates that the 2025 Reconciliation Bill would cut Medicaid funding by \$715 billion and take health care coverage away from 10.3 million Americans.

### What's at stake for people with HIV

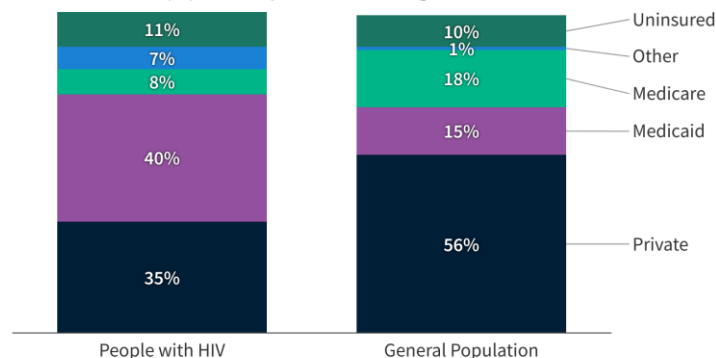
Medicaid is the largest health care coverage provider for people with HIV. Any cuts to Medicaid — whether through per capita caps, decreased funding for the Medicaid expansion, mandatory work or community engagement reporting requirements, or changes to provider taxes — will result in people with HIV losing their health care coverage.

Without access to health care, people with HIV will experience disease progression and higher health care costs. Costs are 1.5 to 3.7 times higher for people with delayed access to HIV treatment.

Figure 1

#### Medicaid is the Primary Source of Insurance Coverage for People with HIV

Distribution of U.S. population by insurance coverage and HIV status



Note: Data sources are different for people with HIV and the general population and statistical testing was not performed.

Source: Data in both columns are from 2018 and from: KFF, Issue Brief, Insurance Coverage and Viral Suppression Among People with HIV, 2018 <https://www.kff.org/hiv/aids/issue-brief/insurance-coverage-and-viral-suppression-among-people-with-hiv-2018/>

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Forty-two percent of people with HIV have coverage because of the *Medicaid expansion*. Any reduction in federal support for the Medicaid expansion will be a major setback to individual health and public health and to our nation's ambitious plan to end the HIV epidemic.

