

## The President's Medicaid Budget Hurts Children and Minorities

The President's Budget proposes to cut \$60 billion out of the Medicaid program. States already struggling to balance their budgets will be hard pressed to make up these lost Federal funds. These cuts, however, do not just hurt the states. Those who depend on Medicaid -- especially children and minorities -- will be significantly affected.

Who exactly could be hurt by the President's budget? All of the following people who are covered by Medicaid:

- **One in four children under age 18** in the U.S. (25.8%).<sup>1</sup>
- **One in four children under age 6** in the U.S. (29.6%)<sup>2</sup>
- More than **two in five black children** in the U.S. (42.6%).<sup>3</sup>
- Over **one in three Native American or Native Alaskan** children in the U.S. (33.9%).<sup>4</sup>
- Almost **one in three Hispanic children** in the U.S. (39.4%).<sup>5</sup>
- More than **one in three newborns** in the U.S. whose births are financed by Medicaid.<sup>6</sup>
- Almost **half of all infants born in South Carolina** (47%).<sup>7</sup>
- Over **half of all infants born in Mississippi and West Virginia** (53.7% and 55.2%).<sup>8</sup>
- More than **two out of five infants born in Texas, Arizona, and Florida** (45.1%, 44%, and 44%).<sup>9</sup>
- Over **two out of five children under age 18 in Mississippi** (41%).<sup>10</sup>
- Over **one-half of all children in fair or poor health** (55.1%).<sup>11</sup>
- Over **one in four non-elderly Hispanics in Delaware** (27%).<sup>12</sup>
- Over **one-third of non-elderly blacks in Michigan, Mississippi, and Arizona** (36%, 34%, and 36%).<sup>13</sup>
- **One-third of non-elderly Hispanics in Pennsylvania** (33%).<sup>14</sup>
- Almost **one-third of all Hispanics age 65 and over** (28.6%).<sup>15</sup>
- **One-fifth of all Asians age 65 and over** (20.0%).<sup>16</sup>

## ***Endnotes:***

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