



Alabama's proposed new catch-22 Medicaid limits would hurt parents and children

Alabama Medicaid is trying to take health coverage away from thousands of our state's poorest parents struggling to make ends meet. Gov. Kay Ivey would have to get permission from the federal government to make this harmful change. Here's why that shouldn't happen:

The work requirement creates a no-win situation.

- It targets 75,000 of the poorest Alabamians.
- It's a trap: They lose coverage if they don't work AND also if they do.

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- It targets people who are already working at home, taking care of children.
- It ignores the shortage of affordable child care and public transportation.
- Taking away parents' health coverage will put their children's health at risk.

The work requirement hurts the state budget.

- Keeping track of who's working, who's looking for work, who's not working and who's exempt is hard and expensive. Those extra administrative costs will threaten other services like mental health care and child protection.
- If the state expands child care to help the new working parents, as it should, that's another big cost to the state.
- The plan does not show total state costs – which taxpayers deserve to know.

The work requirement goes against the mission of Medicaid.

- Congress set up Medicaid in 1965 to provide affordable health coverage for people with low incomes and medical need.
- Cutting off coverage in the name of promoting work violates Medicaid's core purpose.

Call Gov. Kay Ivey at (334) 242-7100 and tell her: "Don't kick thousands of parents off Medicaid. Withdraw the work requirement proposal now!"