

## PPC Action Alert

### Tell Your Representatives to Protect Medicaid

We are reaching out with a time-sensitive advocacy opportunity for you to reach out to your representatives to reject funding cuts to Medicaid in the House budget resolution. **We need you to take action today.**

Congress is currently negotiating a federal budget resolution, and Medicaid and CHIP are at risk of facing major cuts. Following the Senate's passage of a budget resolution last week, the House will vote on the federal budget resolution as soon as this week. The resolution under consideration would lead to sweeping cuts to Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP). Significant funding cuts could have devastating impacts for the millions of children and families who rely on these programs for health care coverage.

Today, advocates are joining together for a day of action to elevate the vital importance of Medicaid to child health.

That's where we need your help. It is critical that lawmakers hear from academic pediatricians about how **Medicaid and CHIP are lifeline programs for children and families in their state and why any funding cuts would harm child health.**

**Please email or call your U.S. Representative as soon as possible and ask them to vote no on the budget resolution and protect Medicaid and CHIP.**

### Contact Your Representative Today

Here's how:

Important note: To make your message as powerful as possible, **we strongly encourage you to customize your outreach and explain why Medicaid and CHIP are so vital to the patients you care for.** Here are some ways to do that effectively:

- Share a short, deidentified patient story or example that illustrates how Medicaid has allowed a patient to access the care they need.
- Incorporate a key data point or two on Medicaid and CHIP that is specific to your state – you can refer to these [2025 Medicaid fact sheets](#).
- Elaborate on the important pediatric research you conduct and the negative impact of Medicaid and CHIP cuts on the ability of academic pediatric departments to continue supporting research.
- Share briefly how specific populations of children that you care for rely on Medicaid – such as those with complex health care needs or those in foster care.

**By Phone:** You can call the U.S. Capitol Switchboard at (202) 224-3121 to be connected to your representative's office. You can also find your U.S. representative by visiting [House.gov](https://www.house.gov) and use the "Find Your Representative" feature at the top right of the page. Below are **talking points** you can use:

- Hello. My name is **{First and last name}** from **{city, state}**. I am an academic pediatrician specializing in **{insert your area of clinical or research expertise e.g., pediatric endocrinology, etc.}**.
- I am calling today to urge **{Representative's name}** to protect Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program and to vote no on the budget resolution, which would necessitate significant funding cuts to these programs.
- Medicaid and CHIP cover more than 37 million children--almost half of all children in the U.S. These programs are designed for children's unique health needs.
- Because of Medicaid and CHIP, children can access the care they need to grow up healthy.
- Any significant funding cuts to Medicaid and CHIP would harm children's health and impact their access to care.
- Our pediatric health system depends on Medicaid to keep pediatric practices and children's hospitals open.
- I urge **{Representative's name}** to keep Medicaid and CHIP strong for children in our community and to vote no on the budget resolution.
- Thank you for your time

**By Email:** You can email your U.S. representative through their website. You can find your U.S. representative by visiting [House.gov](https://www.house.gov) and use the "Find Your Representative" feature at the top right of the page. Email your U.S. representative through the contact form on their website by customizing the talking points below.

**Email text:**

Subject: Vote No on the Budget Resolution and Protect Medicaid

As an academic pediatrician, I urge you to keep Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) strong and to vote no on the budget resolution.

Medicaid and CHIP provide health care coverage for more than 37 million children--almost half of all children in the U.S. The programs are designed for children's unique health needs and ensure they can access the health care, services and treatments they need to grow up healthy and thrive.

Any significant funding cuts to Medicaid and CHIP would harm children's health and impact their access to care. Our pediatric health system depends on Medicaid to keep pediatric practices and children's hospitals open.

Please keep Medicaid and CHIP strong for children in our state and vote no on the budget resolution to protect these vital programs.

Thank you for all you do for children and families in our community.

