

THE VALUE OF MEDICAID:

Ten Things You Should Know

Medicaid is...



A cornerstone of the American health care system, improving the health and financial security of a diverse population of more than **70 million Americans**.



The largest health care program in the country, covering about **one in five** Americans.

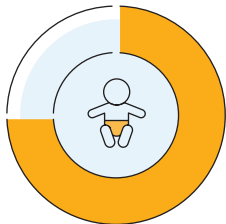


A safety net, there for when we need it – because no matter how prepared you are, you never know when you or your family may face hard times.



A joint effort by federal and state governments to cover health care services for many children and low-income, disabled, and elderly Americans.

Medicaid Coverage



The program provides quality health care to nearly half of all American children and **75% of poor children** in most states.



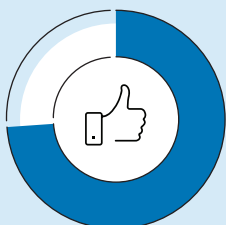
Medicaid covers **over 76 million** low-income Americans, including veterans, children, those with disabilities, and seniors.



Nearly half of all Medicaid spending goes toward covering services for people with disabilities, and Medicaid also covers the costs of nursing homes and assisted living facilities for seniors.



It's **depended on by veterans** for routine checkups and mental health services, especially if they live far from a VA facility.



Medicaid is viewed favorably by a bipartisan **74% majority** of Americans once provided with some basic information about the program.



Fewer than 10% of Americans want to see decreases in federal Medicaid funding.