



March 25, 2025

Governor Mike Dunleavy
Office of the Governor
PO Box 110001
Juneau, AK 99811-0001

Dear Governor Dunleavy:

On behalf of the millions of patients and consumers across the country who face serious, acute, and chronic health conditions, our organizations urge you to protect quality, affordable healthcare coverage this year. We ask you to oppose any cuts to Medicaid and support the extension of enhanced premium tax credits for marketplace plans.

In March 2017, our organizations agreed upon three overarching principles¹ to guide any work to reform and improve the nation's healthcare system. These principles state that: (1) healthcare should be accessible, meaning that coverage should be easy to understand and not pose a barrier to care; (2) healthcare should be affordable, enabling patients to access the treatments they need to live healthy

¹ [Partnership to Protect Coverage | Patient Advocacy | Consensus Healthcare Reform Principles](#)

and productive lives; and (3) healthcare must be adequate, meaning healthcare coverage should cover treatments patients need.

Congress is considering drastic cuts to the Medicaid program, including through the budget reconciliation process. Medicaid provides quality, affordable healthcare coverage for 251,174 people in your state, including 98,898 children, 20,438 Medicare beneficiaries (dually eligible), and 36,200 people with disabilities.^{2,3} Any cuts to Medicaid would harm each of these groups.

Any efforts to cut Medicaid, including through restructuring Medicaid's current financing, reducing eligibility or benefits, or adding barriers to coverage like work reporting requirements, would lead to severe coverage losses and dramatically increase costs to Alaska. For example, eliminating the federal matching rate for the Medicaid expansion population would increase state spending by \$2.5 billion or lead to 71,000 people losing their healthcare coverage.⁴ In 2023, Alaska received \$2 billion in federal support for Medicaid, representing 78 percent of total Medicaid spending in our state.⁵ Our organizations urge you to protect people with serious and chronic health conditions and the health of our economy by opposing any cuts to Medicaid coverage.

Additionally, in 2021 and again in 2022, Congress enhanced the premium tax credits for Marketplace plans, providing millions of people with affordable, comprehensive health coverage. However, if Congress fails to extend the enhanced tax credits by August of 2025, premiums for Marketplace enrollees will skyrocket, forcing some patients and consumers to abandon the high-quality coverage upon which they have come to rely.

The significant change in premium cost could be devastating for the patients and consumers we represent. For example, a family of four making \$60,000 (200% of FPL) would see their monthly marketplace premium increase from \$100 to \$326—an annual increase of about \$2,700. A 60-year-old couple making \$45,000 (228% of FPL) would see monthly marketplace premiums increase from \$117 to \$283 — an annual increase of almost \$2,000.⁶ An estimated 3,000 people would lose coverage in Alaska.⁷ We ask you to support the extension of the enhanced premium tax credits no later than this summer.

Our organizations urge you to reach out to your congressional delegation to communicate the importance of rejecting any cuts to the Medicaid program and extending the enhanced premium tax credits. We would welcome the opportunity to discuss these priorities with you in greater detail; please contact Emily Nenon, emily.nenon@cancer.org, from the American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network to schedule a meeting. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
AiArthritis
Alpha-1 Foundation

² [How Medicaid Helps Your State | Commonwealth Fund](#)

³ [5 Key Facts about Medicaid Coverage for People with Disabilities | KFF](#)

⁴ [Eliminating the Medicaid Expansion Federal Match Rate: State-by-State Estimates | KFF](#)

⁵ [How Medicaid Helps Your State | Commonwealth Fund](#)

⁶ [Health Insurance Costs Will Rise Steeply if Premium Tax Credit Improvements Expire | Center on Budget and Policy Priorities](#)

⁷ [Who Would Lose Coverage If Enhanced Premium Tax Credits Expire? | Urban Institute](#)

American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network
American Diabetes Association
American Kidney Fund
American Lung Association
Asthma and Allergy Foundation of America
Autoimmune Association
Cancer Support Community
CancerCare
Crohn's & Colitis Foundation
Cystic Fibrosis Foundation
Epilepsy Foundation of America
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National Kidney Foundation
National Multiple Sclerosis Society
National Organization for Rare Disorders
National Patient Advocate Foundation
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The AIDS Institute
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The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society
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