

# Protect Health Care for Children, Seniors, and People with Disabilities

California's Medicaid program (known as Medi-Cal) is our health care safety net, providing health care coverage to low-income people, including:



Nearly  
**1 in 3**  
Californians



**42%**  
of all  
children



**Half**  
of all Californians  
with disabilities



Over  
**1 million**  
seniors

## Medicaid supports essential health care services for Californians, including care for:

- More than **50%** of all births
- **46%** of behavioral health-related emergency department visits
- **58%** of rural hospital patient care days
- **1 million** inpatient stays and nearly **16 million** outpatient visits in 2018

## The Medicaid Fiscal Accountability Proposed Rule Proposed Changes = Drastic Funding Cuts

Medicaid, a federal-state partnership, gives states flexibility to design programs to best meet their needs. Proposed changes would:

- Restrict the state's options for financing its share of care in order to receive federal matching dollars
- Dramatically change the program without appropriate data to inform such major policy changes
- **Result in drastic funding cuts and barriers to care for millions who rely on Medicaid**

### Dramatic Funding Cuts Could:

Reduce or eliminate access to necessary health care services for

**13 million**  
vulnerable Californians

**Increase**  
local and  
state taxes  
to try to fill  
the gap