



Dear APA Member Colleagues,

Congress will begin debating a budget reconciliation bill later this month that could propose sweeping cuts to funding of Federal programs. A key concern is the proposed \$880 billion reduction to programs that are overseen by the House Energy and Commerce Committee. To enact these significant cuts, the committee would need to make steep reductions in Medicaid funding.

As you know, Medicaid is the largest health insurance program in the U.S., the primary payer for behavioral health services, and the second-largest payer for pediatric care. Individuals in rural areas are particularly reliant on Medicaid to access already scarce healthcare services and would likely bear the brunt of these proposed cuts.

We need all hands-on deck to let your elected officials know about how devastating these cuts will be to your patients. Your Members of Congress are now home on recess until the end of the month, and we are asking you to reach out to them by either setting up a meeting at their district office, or attending a town hall meeting while they are home during this recess or in the near future. They need to hear from you!



To help with this, APA has created a [Medicaid Advocacy toolkit](#) with resources, and ways for you to make your voice heard and to prevent these significant budget cuts.

And to publicly amplify our collective voice, we are initiating a social media campaign #VoicesForMedicaid. We've created sample posts and messages within the toolkit that we encourage you to share with your networks to apply added pressure.