

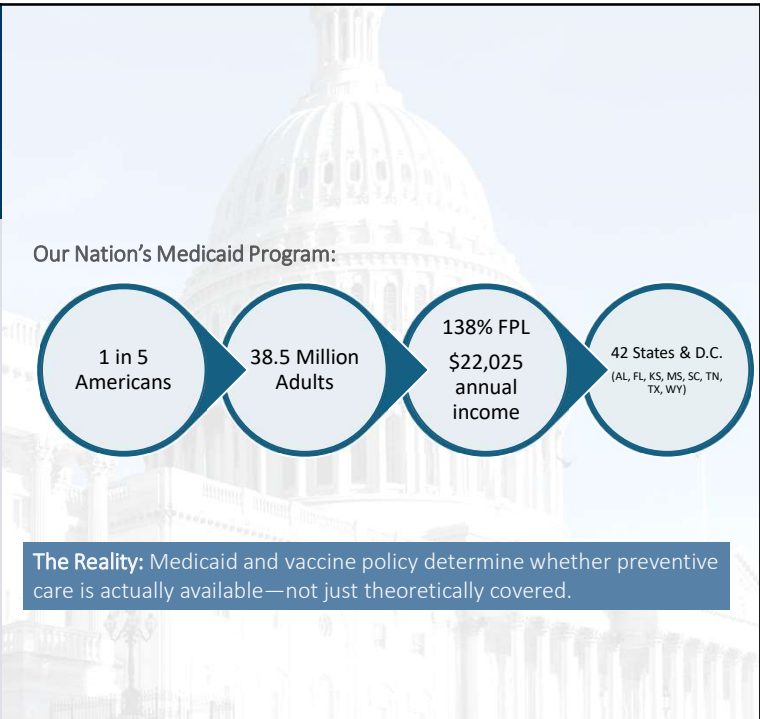





Why This Matters Now?

Active, Real-Time Policy Disruption

Federal and state rules governing Medicaid & vaccine access are shifting, affecting real-world access today.




- Coverage & Eligibility
- Benefits & Services
- Access & Affordability






 <h3>What Remains Strong:</h3> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coverage Requirement • Out-of-pocket Cost-sharing • The Courts / Litigation • Health Plan / Payer Commitment • Public Opinion 	 <h3>What's Changed/Uncertain</h3> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Medicaid Funding – federal & state • Constitution of ACIP & USPSTF • Vaccine Recommendations/Guidelines <div style="background-color: #d3d3d3; padding: 5px; margin-top: 10px;">  <p>The Gap: Vaccine coverage mandate in Medicaid = intact Sustaining Medicaid funding & access = weakened</p> <p>The Result: Pressure on Medicaid coverage and access, not yet on vaccine benefits</p> </div>
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Risks to Adult Coverage & Vaccine Access


Coverage & Eligibility Instability in Medicaid

 <p>Policy Change</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Administrative, regulatory, and legislative change - federal & state levels • OBBA / HR 1 • Subsequent state policy actions 	 <p>Coverage Disruptions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Administrative reporting requirements • Redeterminations (min~2x annually) • Non-compliance penalties • 7 to 11M people losing Medicaid by 2034 	 <p>Funding Cuts</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Estimated \$911B federal program cut by 2034 • Federal fraud control efforts (funding withholds - MN / CA) • State budgets
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Vaccine Access Erosion & Education

 <p>Vaccine Policy & Governance Disruptions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ACIP – status of the committee, recommendations, court intervention • Other bodies issuing vaccine recommendations, references to past recommendations 	 <p>State Policy Fragmentation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hundreds of pro/anti-vaccine policies introduced • 20+ states taking action to de-link vaccine recommendations from ACIP/CDC 	 <p>Provider Participation Barriers & Disincentives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reimbursement rates • Administrative barriers (prescriptions, access points – pharmacies) • State liability laws
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Medicaid Coverage Does Not Equal Access to Vaccines





Critical Distinction: Technical Coverage vs. Practical Availability – Access Constraints, State Divergence and the “So What”



Provider
Restrictions


Low
Reimbursement






Payment
Structure
Issues


Administrative
Friction





State
Protections

Increased State
Restrictions




Access Tied to
Federal Policies


Bottom Line: Moving from a national system to a state-by-state access landscape

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The Real Policy Question:



Will Medicaid Continue to Provide “Real” Community-Level Access to Vaccines—or Only Coverage on Paper?


The Stakes are High - If we get this wrong, declining vaccination rates will only be the beginning – costs will rise, outcomes will worsen, and disparities will deepen.

What Shapes the Answer:

- Federal Medicaid & Vaccine Policy Actions
 - Administrative / Regulatory / Legislative
- State Policies & Implementation Efforts
- Economics – Reimbursement, Appropriations
- Education, Awareness & Advocacy
 - Provider / Policymaker / Public
- Litigation Efforts
- All of Us!

The Imperative:

Act early, consistently, and with urgency on Medicaid AND vaccine policy change to protect coverage and preserve access to vaccines.

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