

Template Message to Advocacy Networks Announcing Medicaid Defense Advocacy Toolkit

Subject Line: Can we count on YOU to help protect health care for people with HIV/AIDS?

Dear Advocate,

Medicaid—[the largest provider of care for people living with AIDS](#)—is on the line. Congress is currently considering proposals that would roll back the wins of health care reform and make it harder for low-income individuals, including those living with and at risk of HIV/AIDS, to qualify for Medicaid and access the medical care and services they need to stay healthy and productive.

Congress needs to hear from YOU and others in your community about why Medicaid matters for people living with HIV/AIDS.

Check out the Medicaid Defense toolkit for everything you need to help Congress get the message that cutting the health safety net will hurt low-income Americans, and our nation as a whole. Whether you need a quick script for calling Congress or the essential steps of how to organize a meeting with your U.S. representative or senator, the toolkit can help. Here's what you'll find in the toolkit:

- [Factsheet and Talking Points on the Importance of Medicaid for People Living with HIV/AIDS](#)
- [Five Ways YOU Can Take Action on Medicaid](#)
- [Communications Tips & Tools](#)
 - **Sample Letters to the Editor**
 - **Sample Action Alert**
 - **Impact of Medicaid Cuts in key Congressional Districts and States**
- [Training Slides on How to Meet with Your Member of Congress in Your Home State](#)

We at (*insert name of organization here*) are here to help with your advocacy. If you have questions about what you can do to protect Medicaid, please contact (*insert name and contact information of designated organization staff*).

What will YOU do to defend Medicaid? Your in-state advocacy strengthens the work we do in Washington D.C., so please send (*insert name and contact information of designated organization staff*) a quick email or give us a call to let us know about your activities as well as what you hear from your U.S. representative and senators.