

Medicaid Cuts & Non-Emergency Medical Transportation: What Members of the Medical Transportation Access Coalition (MTAC) Are Saying



MTAC Members' Policy Priorities for 2025

- Protect the Medicaid program from federal funding cuts.
- Protect and preserve the non-emergency medical transportation (NEMT) benefit in the Medicaid program.
- Build on pilot programs that extend NEMT into the Medicare program through services for dually eligible beneficiaries and repetitive, scheduled trips.

What MTAC Members Are Saying

Protect Medicaid & NEMT – Strengthen Healthcare, Businesses, & Innovation

- Cutting Medicaid hurts beneficiaries, businesses, and local economies. It's a lifeline for millions, especially in rural areas where nearly 25% of residents rely on Medicaid, according to MACPAC ([link](#)).
- Beyond beneficiaries, Medicaid supports health care businesses including medical transportation service providers, reducing overall healthcare costs especially for those with chronic conditions.
- Rather than reducing funding to Medicaid, Medicaid's ongoing initiatives to enhance the health care system should be reinforced and allowed to continue to innovate.

Transportation Reduces Health Care Costs & Supports Employment

- Reliable transportation prevents missed appointments, reduces costly ER visits, and improves health care provider efficiency.
- In 2017, according to a national survey, 5.8 million Americans delayed medical care due to transportation barriers ([link](#)), driving up costs and worsening health outcomes.
- Transportation services bridge this gap, ensuring Medicaid members get to appointments, stay healthy, and remain employed.

Transportation Technology Solves Problems

- Medicaid isn't just health care—it's economic stability and innovation. Slashing Medicaid funding would disrupt businesses and reduce access to essential care.
- Rather than cutting Medicaid, we should support its innovation. Many state Medicaid programs integrate rideshare, with Uber and Lyft, into their programs to make medical transportation more efficient, cost-effective, and fraud-resistant through GPS tracking and data analytics. These solutions save money while improving patient access to care.
- Instead of adding paperwork and bureaucratic hurdles, like work requirements, we should expand transportation and technology-driven solutions that make Medicaid stronger. Investing in Medicaid makes America healthy, supports businesses, and drives innovation.

Key Resources for Public Policy

MTAC-Developed Resources

- [Infographic](#) of How NEMT Works in Medicaid
- "THE VALUE OF MEDICAID'S TRANSPORTATION BENEFIT: Results of a Return on Investment Study." [Fact Sheet](#) | [Methodology Paper](#)
- Moving Forward Together: Opportunities to Improve Program Integrity in Medicaid Non-Emergency Medical Transportation [Fact Sheet](#) | [Full Paper](#)
- Bibliographies (compilation of available research supporting benefits of NEMT and non-medical transportation) as of June 2024
[Press Release](#) | [NEMT Bibliography](#) | [Non-Medical Transportation Bibliography](#)

Fraud, Waste, and Abuse Facts

- [5 Key Facts About Medicaid Program Integrity: Fraud, Waste, Abuse and Improper Payments](#)

Impact of Medicaid Work Requirements

- [Understanding the Intersection of Medicaid and Work: An Update](#)
- [Medicaid Work Requirement Would Mean Lost Coverage for Millions](#)

Impact to States and Communities

- [How Potential Federal Cuts to Medicaid and SNAP Could Trigger the Loss of a Million-Plus Jobs, Reduced Economic Activity, and Less State Revenue](#)
- [Medicaid's Role in Small Towns and Rural Areas](#)
- [10 states where hospitals will struggle most if Medicaid is cut](#)
- [State economic and "ripple effect" impacts](#)
- [Federal cuts to Medicaid: What counties should know](#)
- [State by state estimates of cost shifts over 10 years](#)
- [Provider Taxes One pager](#)

Constituent Views and Stories

- [Medicaid Stories Library](#)
- [KFF Health Tracking Poll February 2025: The Public's Views on Potential Changes to Medicaid](#)

Other Allies

- [Partnership to Protect Coverage](#)
- [The Partnership for Medicaid](#)
- [Modern Medicaid Alliance](#)

