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Proposed Medicaid Cuts: Devastating for Coloradans with Disabilities

Denver, CO — Disability Law Colorado warns that proposed Medicaid cuts would prove devastating for Coloradans with disabilities. Legislation under consideration in Congress would slash Medicaid funding by \$715 billion — **the largest reduction in the program's history**.

"Medicaid is a lifeline for Coloradans with disabilities," said **DLC Executive Director Andrew Romanoff**. "Ripping it away would increase homelessness and force families into crisis."

According to the nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office, more than **8.6 million Americans** could lose Medicaid coverage under the proposal. That would include more than **100,000 Coloradans**.

Medicaid also funds home- and community-based services for more than 68,000 Coloradans. Such services enable individuals to live independently, reducing the need for hospitalization, institutionalization, and emergency care.

"Medicaid represents a promise that people with disabilities can live, work, and participate fully in their communities," Romanoff said. "These cuts would break that promise."

Nearly **1.3 million Coloradans** rely on Medicaid, including one-third of the state's children, 60% of nursing-home residents, and 30% of working-age adults with disabilities. In many of Colorado's rural counties, the percentages are even higher.

Contact Communications Manager Felix Ortiz to schedule an interview with Andrew Romanoff.

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