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**ACTION
ALERT**

URGENT ADVOCACY ALERT

IMMEDIATE ACTION NEEDED TO SAVE VITAL HEALTHCARE AND SUPPORTS FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES!

As you may be hearing in national news, there is a potential amendment to the American Health Care Act (AHCA) being voted on in just a few hours which would add \$8 billion for high risk pools, however these pools would provide little protection for people with pre-existing conditions and the amendment does not prevent over \$800 billion in cuts to Medicaid. The impact on people with disabilities and their families would be devastating!!!

Oregon doesn't have extra funds to stabilize Medicaid services if the federal funding is reduced. With less money in the Medicaid system, Oregon may need to impose wait lists, exclude certain people from accessing services and/or limit services provided which would isolate and endanger many Oregonians with disabilities.

What you need to know:

- HealthCare.gov defines High Risk Pools as state subsidized plans that offer coverage for those who may be locked out of the individual insurance because of a pre-existing condition. It warns that insurance premiums for people in high risk pools may be up to twice as much as you would pay for individual coverage if you were healthy.

What current AHCA amendments would mean:

- Despite the amendment proposed today, the AHCA still drops the coverage

guarantee for people with pre-existing conditions (including people with disabilities), strips coverage from millions of people and drives up costs for millions more. \$8 billion to high risk pools doesn't change that.

- The bill still has provisions that will destroy Medicaid cutting it by more than \$800 billion, or 25 percent over 10 years and impose a "per capita cap" on funding for certain groups, such as children and the elderly - a dramatic change that would convert Medicaid from an entitlement to a program with limited benefits. This will hurt children, people with disabilities and seniors!

What you need to do NOW:

CALL the Health Care Security Hotline 1-866-426-2631 or the United States Capitol at 1-202-224-3121 to be directly connected with your representative's offices. If their mailbox is full, use the email links below to send them an urgent message!

Tell your United States Senators and Representative to drop the AHCA and move on! We don't want the AHCA as it will result in higher costs, fewer benefits, waiting lists and rationed care for those with pre-existing conditions including disabilities!

Contact your US Congressmen and women by phone or email NOW!!!

**TIME SENSITIVE: TAKE ACTION TO HELP
SAVE MEDICAID NOW!**

CALL TODAY!

CALLS MAKE THE BIGGEST DIFFERENCE AND
THE VOTES ARE CLOSE. YOUR CALL COULD
MAKE THE DIFFERENCE.

(202) 224-3121

CALL YOUR MEMBER OF CONGRESS AND URGE
HIM OR HER TO REJECT THE AHCA.

US Senators:

US Senator RON WYDEN
Representing the State of Oregon

Access contact information online at <http://wyden.senate.gov>

US Senator JEFF MERKLEY

Representing the State of Oregon

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ACA Story Page: <https://www.merkley.senate.gov/share-your-aca-story>

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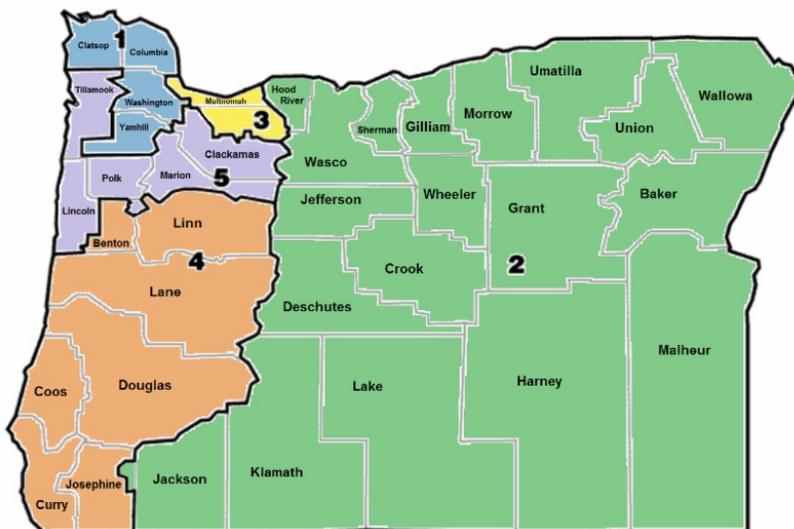
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