

# The American Health Care Act would leave many older Nevadans without health care.

The American Health Care Act (AHCA) would make it harder for older adults in Nevada to afford the health care they need. Under the AHCA:

## Older Nevadans may lose access to nursing home care, home health care, and other services that help them maintain their independence.

- Proposed cuts to Medicaid would slash federal funding by \$880 billion, forcing states to cut important services for older adults, such as long term services and supports.
- Medicaid is the primary payer for 57% of nursing facilities in Nevada.
- Approximately 23,420 Nevadans received long-term services and supports through Medicaid.
- About 32.8% of Nevada’s Medicaid beneficiaries are older adults; approximately 71,000 people ages 50-64 and 35,000 seniors in Nevada benefit from Medicaid.
- The proposed Medicaid cuts will grow over time, making it hard for Nevada to meet the needs of its growing aging population. By 2025, the number of Nevadans over age 65 is expected to grow by 56.4%. The number of Nevadans over 85, a population that relies on long term services and supports, is expected to grow by 49.9%.

## Older adults may not be able to afford to pay their health insurance premiums.

- As of 2016, 21,000 Nevadans ages 50-64 received tax credits to purchase coverage through the Marketplace. Nationwide, one in four people (26%) enrolled in Marketplace plans are ages 55-64.
- For a 60-year-old living in Reno, Nevada with an income of \$30,000/year, insurance premiums paid after tax credits could increase by \$6,940 in 2020.
- By changing the 3:1 limit on age rating to 5:1 (or higher if state law permits), premiums for older adults would increase relative to younger adults. This “age tax” by itself would raise premiums in Nevada by \$1,772 annually for a 60-year-old.
- The proposed bill also rolls back expanded Medicaid coverage, which currently provides affordable health care to 203,900 Nevadans, including many 50- to 64-year-olds.

## There would be fewer resources to fund Medicare.

- AHCA includes a huge tax cut, totaling \$117 billion, for wealthy individuals that will harm Medicare’s financing in the short and long term, putting people with Medicare at risk for benefit cuts.
- AHCA opens the door to premium support (or vouchers) which would likely put the 19% of Nevadans ages 50-64 at risk for paying higher out-of-pocket costs once they enroll in Medicare.
- Older Nevadans can’t afford to pay more for health care. The median personal income among Nevadans ages 65 and older in 2015 was \$21,600.

