

Protect Our Care: President Biden vows to protect Medicaid against latest GOP sabotage

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Washington, DC — Over the weekend, President Biden committed to protecting health care for millions of Americans as Republicans are seeking to rip away coverage for as many as [21 million people](#) who rely on Medicaid through their extreme “Default on America Act.”

President Biden [told reporters](#) Medicaid is off the table while the White House confirmed “he will not accept proposals that take away peoples’ health coverage.” The President [reinforced](#) this commitment today. A record 92 million people in America are covered by Medicaid – mostly seniors, children, and people with disabilities – but the GOP is seeking serious cuts to Medicaid and 22 percent cuts to research for cancer cures, veterans health care, and other vital health care programs. Republicans have proposed bureaucratic reporting requirements, which will only result in millions losing coverage. Read more about how Republicans are demanding health care cuts [here](#).

In response, Protect Our Care Chair Leslie Dach issued the following statement:

“President Biden made it very clear that he is not going to let Republicans hold our economy and the American people hostage in exchange for millions of people losing their health care. If the GOP gets their way, 21 million Americans risk losing their health care coverage because of bureaucratic barriers and red tape. This would disproportionately harm people with disabilities or behavioral health disorders, caregivers, people of color, and rural Americans. By standing up to GOP health care sabotage, President Biden is standing up for the American people. If Republicans

truly cared about working families, they wouldn't continue to put support for tax cuts for the wealthy before ensuring every American has affordable health care.”