

Healthcare: Massive Medicaid cuts coming in Trump budget

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Medicaid cuts. The budget plan President Trump will release Tuesday is expected to include massive cuts to Medicaid and changes for other entitlement programs, including the SNAP supplemental food program.

By trimming more than \$800 billion from the Medicaid budget over 10 years, Trump would match the cuts proposed by the American Health Care Act (AHCA) bill that was passed by the House of Representatives earlier this month.

The Congressional Budget Office estimated 10 million people could lose their Medicaid benefits under the ACHA.

Other poverty programs are also expected to see changes, including subsidized school lunches and homelessness initiatives, [The Washington Post](#) reported.

The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) provided assistance to 44 million low-income individuals and families in 2016. Children, seniors, and people with disabilities make up two thirds of participants.

Able-bodied adults with no children who receive SNAP benefits face a time limit and work requirements. However, during the economic downturn, states had the option to extend that time limit, and the number of people receiving SNAP benefits swelled from 28 million in 2008 to a high of 47 million in 2013.

The Trump budget is expected to give states more flexibility in imposing work requirements.

The U.S. government spends between \$680 billion and \$800 billion a year on anti-poverty programs, per the Cato Institute, the Post reported.