

## **WHO WILL TAKE CARE OF MOM?**

President Trump promised he would not cut Medicare or Medicaid. That was before he was elected. This is now. Both the House and Senate Republican Healthcare bills propose to cut \$800 billion from Medicaid. These are cuts that especially affect the elderly and their families. Care for the elderly is a major part of the expenditures under Medicaid. Two thirds of patients in nursing homes are on Medicaid. Most are women. Medicare covers the doctor visits and drugs but not the 24/7 care. Healthcare for the disabled and children makes up most of the rest.

If you are middle class and don't have a mother or disabled child and aren't elderly yourself, you may be OK with seeing 800 billion stripped from care for the elderly and children in order to give tax cuts to investors in the top brackets.

This will hurt the middleclass too. When an elder person can no longer care for themselves and home care is unmanageable for their families they will likely end up in a nursing home. That was our experience with my wife's Mother. We could not afford the \$6,000 a month without going into bankruptcy. Neither can most middleclass families.

Down the road, when you or your Mom need nursing home care, someone will be paying the bill. At up to \$6000 a month it will quickly crush Mom's assets as it did my wife's mother. You can pay but eventually your savings and other assets will be gone too. Cutting Medicaid to provide tax relief to the wealthy is not improving our healthcare system.

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