

### **Medicaid Funding is in Danger – You Can Help!**

Medicaid is essential in making sure that people with intellectual or developmental disabilities (I/DD) can live in society, outside of segregated, state-run institutions. Yet, if House and Senate bills pass, there will be an \$840 BILLION CUT to Medicaid, threatening the quality of care of the people we serve.

You can make a difference! **Simply make two phone calls — and five more if you can!** Let representatives know the importance of Medicaid funding and how critical it is for people with I/DD. Use the below script and numbers, and be sure to share with family and friends, too! You do not need to be a constituent of these representatives to make your voice heard.

#### Call:

##### Priority:

- Representative Chris Collins: 716.634.2324 (local), 202.225.5265 (Washington)
- Representative Tom Reed: 716.708.6369 (local), 202.225.3161 (Washington)

##### Call if you can:

- Representative John Faso: 202.225.5614
- Representative Peter T. King: 202.225.7896
- Representative Elise Stefanik: 202.225.4611
- Representative Claudia Tenney: 202.225.3665
- Representative Lee Zeldin: 202.225.3826

#### Script:

My name is \_\_\_\_\_. I am [a staff member that serves/a parent of/a friend of/a relative of] a person with developmental disabilities. I am calling to ask you to oppose any legislation that would cut or cap Medicaid the way it is being proposed in the American Health Care Act. Medicaid funds 90% of essential services for people with developmental disabilities, and Medicaid cuts or caps would seriously endanger this population. MEDICAID IS A LIFELINE FOR PEOPLE WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES.

Thank you for your support!