

* REMINDER * Speak Up Against the House Budget that is Devastating for People with Disabilities

Federal Spending Plan is Devastating for People with Disabilities and Will NOT Reduce the Deficit [Take Action](#) !

Vote is Tomorrow - Tell your Representative to Vote NO!

Last week, House Budget Committee Chairman Paul Ryan (R-WI) released his [Fiscal Year 2012 spending plan](#) (known as a budget resolution). This plan pulls the plug on people with disabilities, seniors, students, and the middle class to pay for tax cuts for millionaires by targeting:

Medicaid	Cuts \$1.4 trillion over 10 years, reducing federal support by about 33%. Converts it to a block grant program
Medicare	Replaces Medicare with a voucher program
Discretionary Programs	Eliminates most federal government programs outside of health care, Social Security, and defense over time as the cuts are so deep.
Health Care Reform	Repeals and defunds the Affordable Care Act .

The \$4.3 trillion from all of those cuts will be used to provide \$4.2 trillion in tax cuts over 10 years. **Very little money will go towards deficit reduction.**

What Would these Changes Mean for People with Disabilities?

There would be no guarantee of services. People with disabilities could be denied:

- health insurance coverage
- home and community based services
- supportive housing
- job training
- education
- transportation
- and much, much more

Worse yet, states could return to the days where they “warehoused” people with disabilities in **institutions** to save money. This would be cheaper under the Ryan plan since states will no longer have to meet the quality standards currently imposed by the Medicaid program for institutions. And waiting lists for home and community based services would grow much longer.

What Can I Do?

The House of Representatives will vote on the Ryan budget plan this **Friday, April 15**. We must let them know that this plan is just plain wrong for America. Let’s make some noise!

Please call your Representative this week. **Call toll free: 1-866-922-4970**. If the line is busy, please enter your zip code in the “call now” box to obtain the District Office phone number.

What should I Say?

- I am a person with a disability or parent/caregiver of a person with a disability. (Briefly describe your

situation, if you like.)

- The Ryan budget plan will take funding from people with disabilities to pay for tax cuts for the wealthiest Americans. And it does almost nothing to reduce the federal deficit.
- A Medicaid block grant would be devastating for me/my family member.
- Please vote against the Ryan budget proposal.