Protect Medicaid Congressional Call-in Script

Below you will find the numbers for our Senators and Representatives. You can also call their district offices (click on the name to see all their office numbers, including district offices):

[Senator Thom Tillis](#): (202) 224-6342
[Senator Ted Budd](#): (202) 224-3154

Representatives:

District 1	[Don Davis](#)	(202) 225-3101
District 2	[Deborah Ross](#)	(202) 225-3032
District 3	[Greg Murphy](#)	(202) 225-3415
District 4	[Valerie Foushee](#)	(202) 225-1784
District 5	[Virginia Foxx](#)	(202) 225-2071
District 6	[Addison McDowell](#)	(202) 225-3065
District 7	[David Rouzer](#)	(202) 225-2731
District 8	[Mark Harris](#)	(202) 225-1976
District 9	[Richard Hudson](#)	(202) 225-3715
District 10	[Pat Harrigan](#)	(202) 225-2576
District 11	[Chuck Edwards](#)	(202) 225-6401
District 12	[Alma Adams](#)	(202) 225-1510
District 13	[Brad Knott](#)	(202) 225-4531
District 14	[Tim Moore](#)	(202) 225-5634

Not sure who your Representative is? Find out here: house.gov/representatives/find-your-representative

Background Info

Medicaid is a lifeline for coverage and a foundational source of economic and health security for 80 million people. Yet, congressional Republicans plan to make massive cuts to our health care and Medicaid – as much as $2.3 trillion in cuts – to pay for tax cuts for billionaires. Any of the changes being proposed will put stress on state budgets and lead to people losing access to this lifesaving comprehensive health coverage. North Carolina recently expanded our Medicaid program through bipartisan legislative action, so both sides of the aisle understand the importance of this health coverage to people in every corner of our state, especially our rural areas.

Topline Points

Medicaid cuts would:
- Take health care coverage away from millions of people, including children, people in nursing homes and those living with a disability and chronic illness;
- Make it harder for part-time workers with inconsistent hours, caregivers, and mothers to get health care;

- Increase health care costs for everyone, including medical debt for millions; and
- Destabilize hospitals and health care systems that we all rely on, especially in rural communities.

Phone Script

<mark>Note: If you have a personal story about how Medicaid has helped you or your family please share it. If you don't have a personal story you can use one of the topline talking points or talking points from the **Medicaid is a Lifeline for North Carolinians fact sheet**.</mark>

Hello.

My name is [NAME] and I live in [Town/City], [State]. [Provide a very short (1-2 sentence) introduction to who you are, which should establish any relevant identities you'd like to share (your life experience, work experience, etc.) and any other relevant people in your story].

I am calling because I know that Congressional leaders are currently negotiating the budget resolution, and I am worried about reports of deep cuts to Medicaid and other important services that help people in order to give tax cuts to the wealthy.

If you have a personal story, here is where you should talk about it

[I or family member(s)] have Medicaid coverage. [Briefly (1-3 sentences) describe the challenge you or your family have faced that was helped by having Medicaid coverage].

I am calling to urge you to protect Medicaid and other programs that keep people healthy. Medicaid allows children, seniors, people with disabilities, pregnant people, and adults with low incomes to get the health care they need.

In North Carolina, we have around 3 million people who rely on Medicaid, including over 1 million children. Over the last year, over 614,000 North Carolinians have been able to get comprehensive, life-changing coverage through Medicaid expansion, a bi-partisan effort that we should be proud of and protect. Medicaid is a popular program that plays a significant role in local and state economies by keeping rural hospitals open, supporting job growth, and ultimately saving taxpayer dollars.

Will [Representative OR Senator] [Last Name] vote "no" on cuts to Medicaid and other programs to make sure your constituents can stay healthy and get the care they need, when they need it?

[IF NO ANSWER/ANSWERING MACHINE]: Provide your contact phone number and ask them to call you back as soon as possible.

[IF YES]: Thank them for their support!

Thank you for your support for Medicaid and the thousands of people like [me or my family across our state who rely on this coverage to access care. I appreciate you taking this call and any actions you can take to protect Medicaid and other vital programs from cuts going forward.

[IF NOT SURE/NONCOMMITAL] Ask them what factors they are considering when thinking about the budget reconciliation process? What are their priorities? When do they expect to make a decision about whether or not they will vote to protect Medicaid?

I appreciate your time and consideration. Thank you for taking this call and for any actions you can take to protect vital health care programs from cuts. I will follow up with your office to check on the status of this request. [Be sure to follow up with them]

[IF NO]: Ask them for specifics about how they reached their decision. Take notes. This information can be used later for accountability actions.

Additional Information/Resources

- Medicaid is a lifeline for North Carolinians - Fact Sheet
- Medicaid in NC by the numbers - NC Newsline
- Here are some of the ways they are looking to cut/change the Medicaid program:
  - Impose per capita caps - Read more here
  - Shift financing to block grants - Read more here
  - Impose unnecessary and burdensome work reporting requirements - Read more here
  - Lower the 90% federal match for Medicaid expansion - this would end the Medicaid expansion population in NC, as we have a trigger in our law that says if the federal match goes below 90%, then the Medicaid expansion program must end. Over 614,000 North Carolinians have been able to enroll in this healthcare in one year.
  - Lower the federal match for traditional Medicaid, putting an undue burden on state
- Social Media Toolkit - Great graphics and sample posts to protect Medicaid