

Protect Medicaid!

January 6, 2005: As Christians, we are called to heed the words of Jesus, who came "... that they may have life, and have it abundantly." In a 2002 resolution on the uninsured, the PC(USA) General Assembly called on the Presbyterian Washington Office to "urge the expansion of Medicaid to insure more low-income and fixed-income persons, including the recently unemployed." This year, as Congress begins to consider its spending priorities, Medicaid, which provides health care to more than 52 million people - including seniors, parents, children, and people with disabilities, is under threat.

We need your help. Contact your Members of Congress and urge them not to cap and cut Medicaid in this year's budget. Call the Capitol switchboard at (202) 224-3121 and ask to be connected to your Member's office, or e-mail your Members through the Presby Legislative Action Center.

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Message: "Access to affordable health care through Medicaid is a moral issue - particularly for the most vulnerable among us. As a constituent and as a Presbyterian, I urge you to oppose any budget resolution or budget reconciliation bill that caps and cuts Medicaid. Medicaid is a critical support for more than 52 million people -- those who work and still can't get health coverage, for young people with disabilities, and for other vulnerable Americans. Preserving Medicaid is the right thing to do. Thank you for your time."