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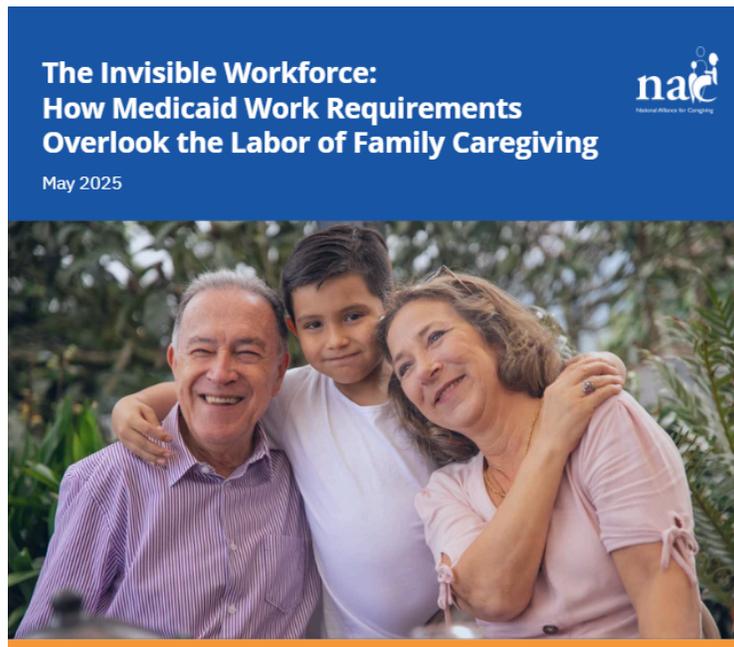
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Medicaid Fight Continues: Cuts and Work Requirements Threaten Caregiving Stability

This week, the House Energy & Commerce Committee moved forward a proposal for deep Medicaid cuts, state cost shifting, and work requirements that would be devastating for family caregivers. These measures ignore the reality that more than 53 million Americans provide \$600 billion in unpaid care each year—often stepping back from paid work to care for aging parents, children with disabilities, or loved ones with serious illness.

In response, NAC [issued a public statement](#) and released a new policy brief outlining how work requirements would disproportionately harm caregivers, risking their health coverage and destabilizing families nationwide.



[Download Policy Brief](#)

Take Action Today: Medicaid Makes Care Possible

We must continue the drum beat and tell our stories. Despite growing recognition of the vital role Medicaid plays in supporting family caregivers, deep cuts and rollbacks would make it harder for caregivers to get the support they need, forcing more families into crisis.

We are committed to defending Medicaid and equipping advocates with tools to act. Our [Advocacy Toolkit](#) includes infographics on respite care and home and community-based services, talking points, and social copy and graphics you can share with your networks.

Take action today and tell Congress to protect Medicaid.

[Take Action](#)

CARE POLICY UPDATES

ACL Releases FY 2025 Funding to States

The Administration for Community Living (ACL) announced the release of more than \$1.1 billion in FY 2025 funding to support services for older adults, people with disabilities, and family caregivers. The funds which are distributed through Older Americans Act formula grants will go to all 50 states, six territories, and nearly 300

tribes. This funding supports vital programs such as nutrition, daily living assistance, chronic disease management, caregiver support, and elder abuse prevention. An additional \$2 million in grants will support state efforts to implement the National Strategy to Support Family Caregivers. Read more: [Administration for Community Living Grant Award and Funding Opportunity | HHS.gov](#)

The President's FY 2026 Budget Requests

President Trump's FY 2026 budget request included deep cuts to critical safety net programs that millions of family caregivers rely on to care for loved ones at home. The proposal significantly reduces funding for the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, eliminates key community-based services, and cuts housing assistance, undermining essential supports for older adults, people with disabilities, and their caregivers.

Our CEO and president Jason Resendez [issued a statement](#) in response to urge Congress to reject these devastating cuts and instead pass a budget that reflects the real economic and social value of caregiving.

“The proposed FY 2026 budget would fundamentally weaken support systems for family caregivers nationwide.”

JASON RESENDEZ
PRESIDENT & CEO
NATIONAL ALLIANCE FOR CAREGIVING



RECOGNIZING OLDER AMERICANS MONTH

The Importance of Reauthorizing the Older Americans Act

For nearly 60 years, the Older Americans Act (OAA) has served as the backbone of our nation's commitment to helping older adults and their family caregivers live with

dignity in their homes and communities. Enacted in 1965, the OAA supports nearly 12 million older adults and caregivers each year by funding services like meals, transportation, home care, and caregiver support across all 50 states, territories, and tribal communities.

Despite its vital role, the OAA is currently awaiting reauthorization, putting critical programs at risk. Reauthorization would ensure sustained federal investment in aging and caregiving services and allow updates that reflect today's caregiving realities.

NAC's [policy brief](#) outlines how reauthorization can strengthen the OAA and highlights its connection to national caregiver support efforts, including the implementation of the National Strategy to Support Family Caregivers.



IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

Apply for the 2025 PCORI Annual Meeting Patient Scholarship

The Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute (PCORI) is offering a select number of scholarships to patients, caregivers and community-based organizations to attend the 2025 PCORI Annual Meeting in Washington, D.C., happening Oct. 21-22, 2025.

At the event, you'll join patients, caregivers and the broader healthcare community in discovering the latest advancements in patient-centered research and outcomes. Scholarship recipients will receive financial support to cover all domestic travel and lodging expenses incurred by attending the 2025 PCORI Annual Meeting. [Apply](#) before the June 4 deadline.

New PBS Documentary Spotlights Aging and Caregiving in America

A new PBS documentary, *Aging in America: Survive or Thrive*, explores what it means to grow older in the U.S. through the legacy of Dr. Robert N. Butler, the first director of the National Institute on Aging. The film celebrates decades of progress while also calling attention to the urgent public policy changes still needed to better support older adults and the family caregivers who care for them.

Featuring the voices and lived experiences of older adults and caregivers across the country, the documentary sheds light on both daily challenges and moments of resilience.

Check your local PBS station or PBS+ for airtimes: [See listings here](#)

Special thanks to The John A. Hartford Foundation for supporting this important project and continuing to advance national conversations on aging.

CAREGIVING IN THE NEWS

NBC NEWS

NBC News featured our Caregiving in the U.S. data in a segment on the hidden toll of caregiving on young adults. The story underscores how many young adults step into caregiving roles early in life while balancing school, work, and care with limited support. [Watch the full segment.](#)

WE NY

In an interview with WE NY, our CEO Jason Resendez raised the alarm on how proposed Medicaid cuts could harm family caregivers. [Watch the interview.](#)

WALL STREET JOURNAL

The Wall Street Journal cited our Caregiving in the U.S. data in a powerful article on older parents caring for adult children with serious illness or disability. The piece draws from our Caregiving in the U.S. finding that 3.1 million parents care for an adult child. [Read the article](#) by Clare Ansberry.

MCKNIGHT'S

A new McKnight's Home Care article spotlights the growing recognition of family caregivers in the workforce. While this shift is promising, caregiving can't fall solely on families. Our [Together in Care policy brief](#) with PHI outlines how investing in both family caregivers and the direct care workforce is key to building a sustainable care economy. [Read the article.](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS

May

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**Breaking Down Barriers:
Caregivers & the Challenges of
CAR-T and BMT Requirements**

JOIN US FOR A LIVE WEBINAR
MAY 28, 2025 1:00 – 2:15PM ET

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Join the National Alliance for Caregiving for the webinar: Breaking Down Barriers: Caregivers & the Challenges of CAR-T and BMT Requirements. As cell therapies such as Chimeric Antigen Receptor T-Cell (CAR T) Therapy and Bone Marrow Transplant (BMT) continue to transform treatment options, they also introduce unique challenges - one being the need for 24/7 family caregiver during and after treatment. While these therapies offer lifesaving potential, their success often depends not just on clinical care but on the dedicated round the clock support provided by caregivers. Register for the webinar [here](#).

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Family caregivers are the backbone of our nation's long-term care system.



Protect Medicaid from drastic cuts and harmful policy changes.

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