



State Partners to Engage on Medicaid Defense

Strengthen your Medicaid work by partnering with other advocacy organizations, stakeholders, and government officials who have influence over your Members of Congress. This guide is meant to help you think about new organizations and individuals to engage in your Medicaid defense work. By clicking on the links, you will be directed to a website where you can search for your state's affiliate for these organizations.

Organizations Representing Medicaid's Beneficiaries: *Organizations that represent seniors, people with disabilities, children, low-income families, communities of color, and people with chronic illnesses all have a stake in protecting Medicaid.*

- [State-based affiliates of AARP](#)
- Faith-based groups (like your [local PICO affiliate](#) and your [local Gamaliel affiliate](#))
- [Center for Community Change affiliates](#)
- [Family Voices state chapters](#)
- [National Alliance for the Mentally Ill state chapters](#)
- [State Chapter of Faces and Voices of Recovery](#)
- [State Affiliates of the National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence](#)
- [Children's Defense Fund state chapters](#)
- [Voices for America's Children state chapters](#)
- State chapters of national voluntary health organizations, like [the Alzheimer's Association](#), [Lung Association](#), [Heart Association](#), [Cancer Society](#)
- Regional contacts at the [Positive Women's Network](#)
- [Local affiliate of the Urban League](#)
- [Local unit of the NAACP](#)

Stakeholder Groups: *Organizations representing different providers that care for Medicaid beneficiaries, as well as Medicaid managed care organizations and business associations all have an interest in protecting Medicaid funding.*

- [State, Regional, and Metropolitan Hospital Associations](#)
- Individual hospitals, especially safety net hospitals and children's hospitals
- [State and Regional Primary Care Associations](#)
- [State Medical Society](#)
- [State Association for Community Behavioral Health Care](#)
- [Area Agencies on Aging](#)
- [Independent Living Centers](#)
- [State Nurses Associations](#)
- [State Dental Organizations](#)
- [State Home Care Associations](#)
- [Nursing home association](#)
- [State Association of Addiction Services](#)
- Business associations, such as your state's [Main Street Alliance](#)
- Medicaid managed care organizations in your state

State Government Officials: *State Government officials also have an interest in advocating for adequate federal funding of the program. [NOTE: they may be less willing to weigh in against eliminating the Maintenance of Effort requirement, since that would not place additional burdens on them the way block grants and caps on federal expenditures would.]*

- Governor's office
- State agency on disabilities
- State Medicaid Director
- Supportive state legislators
- Mayors and county officials