

# Medicaid Day of Action Call Script Template

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 that would take health care away from Kansans and harm our hospitals and other providers.

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.

Nationally it provides health coverage for 36.8 million children, 60% of seniors in nursing homes, and 41% of births. It is a consistently 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] protect Medicaid and other programs during the upcoming negotiations 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.

I am disappointed to learn of your decision and scared for the thousands of people in our state who stand to lose coverage if these cuts are implemented. These cuts are cruel and will have devastating consequences for the individuals and families who need care most. A vote in favor of them is not a vote for your constituents.