

## Medicaid Financing

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In April 2005, Congress passed a budget resolution to reduce federal Medicaid funding by \$10 billion over the next five years. At the same time, Medicaid costs are rising because of increased spending on prescription drugs, the demand for long-term care, and the increasing numbers of people who lack health insurance. As a result, Medicaid is becoming one of the largest portions of a state's budget. Several groups, including the U.S. Medicaid Commission, the National Governors' Association, and the National Conference of State Legislatures have recently released recommendations for reforming Medicaid.

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**Making Medicaid Work for the 21st Century / National Academy for State Health Policy, 2005.** (369.33/N213)  
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[www.ncsl.org/programs/health/forum/cost/containment.htm](http://www.ncsl.org/programs/health/forum/cost/containment.htm)

**Medicaid and Budget Reconciliation: Options and Implications of Savings Proposals / Kaiser Commission on Medicaid and the Uninsured, October 2005.** (369.33/K12i)  
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**"Medicaid: 10 Fixes that Work" / State Legislatures, March 2004.** (328.11/N214/2004/v. 30/no. 3)

**Medicaid: Transfers of Assets by Elderly Individuals to Obtain Long-Term Care Coverage / U.S. Government Accountability Office, 2005.** (GAO-05-968). (369.33/X6/pt. 1) Some reform advocates recommend extending the "look-back" period for reviewing the transfer of financial assets of potential Medicaid recipients from three to five years to compel people to pay more of their own health care costs.  
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**<http://content.healthaffairs.org/cgi/collection/medicaid>** – *Health Affairs* online archive of articles on Medicaid.

**[www.cbpp.org/pubs/health.htm](http://www.cbpp.org/pubs/health.htm)** – Health Policy Analysis from the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities.

**[www.familiesusa.org/issues/medicaid/medicaid-action/](http://www.familiesusa.org/issues/medicaid/medicaid-action/)** – Medicaid Action Center from Families USA.

**<http://kff.org/medicaid/benefits/index.jsp>** – Medicaid Benefits: Online Database maintained by the Kaiser Family Foundation. Produces 50 state surveys of benefits and charges for dozens of health services or allows one to display a summary of data for all categories of services for an individual state.

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**<http://kff.org/medicaid/spending.cfm>** – Medicaid/SCHIP spending and budgets from the Kaiser Family Foundation. Over 75 articles and reports offering statistics and analysis.

**[www.nasmd.org/](http://www.nasmd.org/)** – National Association of State Medicaid Directors.

**[www.ncsl.org/programs/health/h-medicaid.htm](http://www.ncsl.org/programs/health/h-medicaid.htm)** – National Conference of State Legislatures Medicaid site.

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**[www.cbo.gov/showdoc.cfm?index=6564&sequence=0](http://www.cbo.gov/showdoc.cfm?index=6564&sequence=0)** – Payments for Prescription Drugs under Medicaid: U.S. Congressional Budget Office Testimony before the Special Committee on Aging, United States Senate Committee.

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**[www.nhpf.org/M%26M%5FE%2Ebrief%2Ebook%2Fcontents%2Ehtm](http://www.nhpf.org/M%26M%5FE%2Ebrief%2Ebook%2Fcontents%2Ehtm)** – Understanding Medicare and Medicaid: Fundamentals and Issues for the New Congress: an Electronic Briefing Book from the National Health Policy Forum.

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