

We want to bring your attention to a concerning matter regarding Florida Medicaid. Please see below information from our partners at FL Voices for Health. For those of you with organizations that are able to participate in the educational or advocacy process, we encourage you to get involved.

Over halfway done with the current legislative session, a serious threat to Florida Medicaid has emerged. **The Florida Senate introduced a proposal to reduce Medicaid retroactive eligibility from 90 to 30 days.**

If a person is uninsured and has an accident or falls seriously ill, there's a chance, in Florida, to enroll for Medicaid after the fact. If you qualify for Medicaid, the program will pay your medical bills going back three months.

**Retroactive eligibility** provides financial protection as patients await approval of their Medicaid applications. It protects hospitals, too, from having to absorb the costs of caring for these patients. The so-called "savings" associated with this proposal is \$98,425,854. Clearly, Floridians have needed the 90-day period for relief.

The latest is that the proposal has been included in the final recommended budget of the Senate but not in the House budget. The focus is on raising awareness with members of the legislature and urging them to defeat this particular proposal.

Advocacy on this issue will be critical over the next few weeks. Please share the call to action with your networks and stay tuned as more is shared over the next few days.

In the meantime, here are some resources to help you get a better sense of the issue and how you, and other Floridians, can help.

### **Resources**

- *Updated* [Social Media Cheat Sheet](#) (featuring sample Facebook and Twitter posts and graphics)
- [FVH Blog Post](#) (includes a contact form for FL legislators): Florida Senators Approve Deep Cuts to Medicaid
- [Florida Policy Institute](#) - Retroactive Medicaid Eligibility on the Chopping Block: Why Does this Matter?