**Medicaid Generic Letter to Editor #5**

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Dear Editor:

Medicaid is essential for the health care of many older Americans but it also is essential for paying for long-term care. More than half of national spending on nursing homes comes from Medicaid.

However, politicians like Senator Fill in Name Here have attacked Medicaid by saying we can’t afford the benefits offered by the Affordable Care Act.

Right now, Medicaid benefits are guaranteed. If Trumpcare is passed in the Senate, Congress would be changing the Medicaid payment structure to a per-capita cap instead of the unlimited federal match that is currently used.

States would be given a smaller and fixed amount of money to provide health care coverage for lower-income citizens of all ages. With less funding, states are likely to limit enrollment or increase cost sharing for individuals.

We shouldn’t be looking to cut benefits; we should be looking to expand them to reflect the needs of seniors.

Sincerely yours,

(Your Name)

(Your Address)