Policymakers in Wisconsin and Washington, D.C. are proposing big changes to the Affordable Care Act (ACA) and Medicaid, including Medicaid Block Grants. These changes could happen quickly and could impact people with disabilities.

# How will repeal of the Affordable Care Act impact people with disabilities?

The Affordable Care Act (ACA or Obamacare) includes several important protections that benefit people with disabilities.

Prior to the ACA, many people with disabilities were denied health care coverage completely, paid higher premiums, had specific benefits or medications reduced or not covered because of their disability, and faced annual or lifetime limits on the amount of money that insurance would pay for their care.

**Learn how the repeal of the ACA could impact people with disabilities**: <http://wi-bpdd.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/01/BPDDACARepealImpactPWD_012017.pdf>

# How will Medicaid Block Grants impact Wisconsin and people with disabilities?

Wisconsin has almost twenty programs that are funded by Medicaid that provide supports to children and adults with disabilities. Medicaid offers critical supports that are not available or accessible on the private market. Currently, if you meet the eligibility requirements for a program funded by Medicaid (generally poverty, age, and/or disability), you can access the Medicaid services that Wisconsin provides.

Medicaid Block Grants would fundamentally change how Medicaid works, and could have big impacts on states and people with disabilities. Congress and the President have indicated that they would like to change Medicaid to a Block Grant program to states.

**Learn more about Medicaid Block Grants and their potential impacts to Wisconsin and people with disabilities**: <http://wi-bpdd.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/01/BPDD_MedicaidBlockGrants_012017.pdf>

# Will I be impacted by changes to Medicaid?

In Wisconsin, Medicaid funds health care, long term care services, and other critical supports that are not available or accessible on the private market to older adults, children, people with physical disabilities, people with intellectual/developmental disabilities, people with mental health conditions, and low-income working adults.

Many people do not realize that the familiar Wisconsin programs and services and supports that you or your loved ones use to help you live your life and stay healthy are funded by Medicaid, and may be affected by changes to Medicaid at the federal or state level.

Survival Coalition is conducting an important survey about the supports and services you use and how important these supports are to your life.

**Take the survey:** <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/XVCZFXK>

# Save the Date for Disability Advocacy Day!

Mark your calendars for Disability Advocacy Day in Madison on March 21st, 2017. Visit your state legislators in the Capitol

Check the Survival Coalition website at <http://www.survivalcoalitionwi.org/> for updates on how to register for this free event, which provides info on the issues and sets up visits with your legislators in the Capitol.