

WADDC Medicaid 2025 - Video 1

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Good morning.

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My name is Emily Rogers.

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I am the director of public policy for the Washington State Developmental Disabilities Council.

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I'm coming to you today to talk about Medicaid and to let you know about some action steps.

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Washington Medicaid dollars fund many services used by people with IDD.

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Medicaid funds services for people with developmental disabilities far beyond just medical needs.

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For example, Medicaid funds services that allow children and adults who would otherwise have to live in an institution to live their lives in the community.

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Medicaid funds services that provide drugs, specialty healthcare, therapies, dental, and personal care services.

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Medicaid funds services that help students access medical services and therapies in school.

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Medicaid funded waivers include services to support adults finding and maintaining employment across Washington state.

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Who is on Washington Medicaid?

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1.85 million people, 21% of Washington's population, get health care or long term care coverage through Medicaid.

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Washington Medicaid populations include children, older adults, people with physical disabilities, people with intellectual or developmental disabilities, IDD, people with mental health conditions, low income pregnant women, and low income working adults.

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In Washington, Medicaid covers 3 in eight people with disabilities.

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Federal and state lawmakers need to know how Medicaid helps you and your family and what it would mean in your life if the services and supports you have are reduced or stopped.

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Things you can do Join the Arc of Washington Action Alerts, sign up for the WADDC newsletter, go to Advocacy Days, join a self advocacy group such as People First of Washington Sale or Allies in Advocacy.

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Talk to your legislators.

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Let the council know if you need help setting up appointments by emailing info@ddc.wa.gov.

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Make a video.

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Click on the link below to learn how to tell your story about why Medicaid matters to you.

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Thank you for joining me today.

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Please reach out if you have any questions.