

# NUHW EXECUTIVE BOARD RESOLUTION ON HEALTH CUTS

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Whereas for more than a half-century, Medicare and Medicaid have provided health services to the most vulnerable Americans and protected senior citizens from impoverishment;

Whereas the Affordable Care Act, also known as Obamacare, has enabled 22 million previously uninsured Americans to obtain health coverage in part through the expansion of Medicaid, whose recipients include children, low-income workers, nursing home residents and people with mental and physical illnesses;

Whereas Congress is expected to consider cutting Medicaid by up to 40 percent, imperiling health coverage for millions of Americans;

Whereas Congress is also expected to consider legislation privatizing Medicare by forcing seniors to buy private insurance with vouchers that likely won't cover the full cost of their premiums;

Whereas one leading Republican-backed plan to replace Obamacare would effectively tax workers who receive top-tier health benefits, and this tax and would disproportionately affect union members who have negotiated high-quality health benefits from their employers;

Whereas the above-reference federal health programs are essential to funding the facilities - especially safety net hospitals and clinics - where we serve patients;

***Now, therefore, be resolved that:***

NUHW will vigorously oppose any cuts to our country's health protection programs;

NUHW is ready to fight for our patients, our country and our jobs;

NUHW reaffirms our support for Medicare for All, the only truly affordable and universal health care system - one which also enjoys widespread popular support.