



# Tennessee Health Care Campaign (THCC)

*Working for guaranteed affordable choice*



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**1-866-922-4970**



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Dear [member\_name\_first],

As to be expected, THCC is leading the local effort to inform our elected officials in Washington D.C. that cuts to Medicare, Medicaid, and/or Social Security should not be an option while constructing a debt reduction package during the current "debt ceiling" talks.

THCC has helped to form a large coalition of Tennessee hospitals, medical associations and patient advocates in an effort to encourage and support sensible fiscal policy. The group, [Coalition to Control Spending with Care](#), released this statement this morning:

*"Controlling healthcare spending over the long run is critical in securing our country's financial future. However, a narrow focus on just federal health spending will cause serious harm to Medicare and Medicaid patients and their families, while placing tremendous financial pressure on states and providers. Instead, the patient must be at the center of the discussion, and the focus must be on the drivers of healthcare spending."*

*Public policy should be aimed directly at: reducing clinically avoidable spending in public insurance programs; increasing patient-centered, integrated and coordinated care; aligning provider incentives to achieve the best long term outcomes for patients; improving administrative efficiency and ensuring adequate coverage across the board for patients.*

*These policies would yield powerful cost reductions at all levels of care. It is critical that we all work together to produce a sensible solution to the issue."*

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## National Call-In Day

On **Tuesday, July 12th**, hundreds will gather on Capitol Hill to stand up for the millions of seniors, children, people living with disabilities and working families who depend on Medicaid (TennCare). Thousands more across the country will participate by calling their senators and representatives. This is your chance to make sure that your voice is heard.

***We need a plan for deficit reduction that reflects our values, that protects our most vulnerable neighbors, and that doesn't shift more burdens onto middle class families and states.***

Here's what you can do:

1) [Review some talking points here.](#) [Get more background & talking points here.](#)

2) Call **1-866-922-4970**. Tell the Operator your home address, and he or she will connect you with your Representative.

3) Call back. Tell the operator that you would like to speak with your Tennessee Senator (Alexander or Corker). You'll have to call twice to ensure you reach both Senators.

4) *Tell your friends!* Share this number with your network, including social media. Use the links at the top to share this on [Facebook](#) &/or [Twitter](#). While you're there, look up your congressperson and leave a message on their wall or tweet them a message telling them to "*Protect #Medicaid, #Medicare, & #SocialSecurity.*"

5) *Help us get the word out!* This message needs to reach as many people as possible, especially those without access to email or Internet. If you would like to volunteer to call some folks in your district, urging them to call Congress, please [let us know](#).

Despite [overwhelming public support](#), Medicaid/TennCare faces continued threats from policymakers who are willing to make a deal that sacrifices health care for those who need it most while billionaires get tax breaks and rich CEOs enjoy tax loopholes.

## Call Congress!

1-866-922-4970

Demand a fair approach to the deficit that does not pay our country's bills by shifting crushing costs to seniors, families, children and people living with disabilities while asking nothing of the billionaires and rich corporations who can most afford to pay their fair share.

Reducing the deficit and helping our state get back on solid financial footing are both important goals. But, we need to take a balanced approach that doesn't put the burden on the Tennesseans who can least bear it.

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