Do you support this proposal or wish Georgia would go ahead and fully expand Medicaid?
Support full Medicaid expansion

Do you oppose these changes to private insurance?
Oppose

May we contact you to hear more about your story?
No
May we submit this on your behalf as a public comment to the State of Georgia?

Yes

May we submit this comment on your behalf during the federal comment period?

Yes

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Do you support this proposal or wish Georgia would go ahead and fully expand Medicaid?

Support full Medicaid expansion

Please tell us how Medicaid has helped you, your family, or your community.

Medicaid has not helped my family

Please tell us how these changes would impact you or people in your community.
My sister and her husband have worked for years and are both disabled. They both have a medical needs that they cannot afford

**Do you oppose these changes to private insurance?**

Oppose

**Please tell us how the private insurance marketplace or other ACA protections have helped you, your family, or your community.**

Never

**Please tell us how these changes would impact you or people in your community.**

I'm already paying high prices with my insurance when I go to the drctpr. Not a help to me at all

**May we contact you to hear more about your story?**

No

**May we submit this on your behalf as a public comment to the State of Georgia?**

Yes

**May we submit this comment on your behalf during the federal comment period?**

Yes

**Submission ID**

5dd434eefe2082688d7dd54d
Do you support this proposal or wish Georgia would go ahead and fully expand Medicaid?

Support full Medicaid expansion

Please tell us how Medicaid has helped you, your family, or your community.

I am a pediatric nurse practitioner. I have seen how medicaid widens the availability of appropriate health care. We need to be healthy to be educated.

Please tell us how these changes would impact you or people in your community.
An educated, healthy work force is the most basic building block a state has. The more we take care of everyone's health care needs, the more we all thrive and succeed.

**Do you oppose these changes to private insurance?**

Oppose

**Please tell us how the private insurance marketplace or other ACA protections have helped you, your family, or your community.**

I have a self employed college educated 32 year old child who has no health care after moving back home to GA because of the already overpriced ACA coverage here. Saying it's available but making it un affordable is a transparent ploy.

**Please tell us how these changes would impact you or people in your community.**

Making healthcare out of reach increases other financial burdens for tax payers through increased emergency room use, escalating effects of chronic illness (which then increases numbers eligible for disability).

**May we contact you to hear more about your story?**

Yes

**May we submit this on your behalf as a public comment to the State of Georgia?**

Yes

**May we submit this comment on your behalf during the federal comment period?**

Yes

**Submission ID**

5dd2aec30807da756b41a1a0
Do you support this proposal or wish Georgia would go ahead and fully expand Medicaid?

Support full Medicaid expansion

Please tell us how Medicaid has helped you, your family, or your community.

All Georgians must have access to safe, affordable healthcare.

Do you oppose these changes to private insurance?

Oppose
Please tell us how the private insurance marketplace or other ACA protections have helped you, your family, or your community.

My son was able to buy insurance.

**May we contact you to hear more about your story?**

Yes

**May we submit this on your behalf as a public comment to the State of Georgia?**

Yes

**May we submit this comment on your behalf during the federal comment period?**

Yes

**Submission ID**

5dd446060807da12272831e3
Do you support this proposal or wish Georgia would go ahead and fully expand Medicaid?

Support full Medicaid expansion

Please tell us how Medicaid has helped you, your family, or your community.

My daughter has been on Medicaid since birth. It has been inexpensive and essential. No one deserves less.

Please tell us how these changes would impact you or people in your community.
I live in a predominantly poor area. Most people can barely afford standard costs of living such as rent, food, and utilities. Expansion of public health services is crucial to keeping my community healthy and, in some cases alive.

**Do you oppose these changes to private insurance?**

Oppose

**Please tell us how the private insurance marketplace or other ACA protections have helped you, your family, or your community.**

Although private insurance hasn't helped me, the ACA did provide my sister with coverage as she struggled with mental health.

**Please tell us how these changes would impact you or people in your community.**

For those fortunate enough to have private coverage, these changes increase the likelihood of slipping into poverty. It could also result in their avoiding or delaying necessary care.

**May we contact you to hear more about your story?**

No

**May we submit this on your behalf as a public comment to the State of Georgia?**

Yes

**May we submit this comment on your behalf during the federal comment period?**

Yes

**Submission ID**

5dd015a8fe20823adc107437
Do you support this proposal or wish Georgia would go ahead and fully expand Medicaid?

Support full Medicaid expansion

Please tell us how Medicaid has helped you, your family, or your community.

It's allowed my family to have health insurance

Please tell us how these changes would impact you or people in your community.
My family would not have health insurance

**Do you oppose these changes to private insurance?**

Oppose

**May we contact you to hear more about your story?**

Yes

**May we submit this on your behalf as a public comment to the State of Georgia?**

Yes

**May we submit this comment on your behalf during the federal comment period?**

Yes

**Submission ID**

5dd0491c0807da2f640d4ac5
Do you support this proposal or wish Georgia would go ahead and fully expand Medicaid?

Support full Medicaid expansion

Please tell us how Medicaid has helped you, your family, or your community.

I have worked in health care, specifically with children. Medicaid saves lives and promotes health

Please tell us how these changes would impact you or people in your community.
ER visits will continue to rise causing costs to rise for all of us.

**Do you oppose these changes to private insurance?**

Oppose

**Please tell us how the private insurance marketplace or other ACA protections have helped you, your family, or your community.**

I have seen family members get coverage for health care when before the ACA they could not

**Please tell us how these changes would impact you or people in your community.**

Healthcare is a right.

**May we contact you to hear more about your story?**

No

**May we submit this on your behalf as a public comment to the State of Georgia?**

Yes

**May we submit this comment on your behalf during the federal comment period?**

Yes

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Do you support this proposal or wish Georgia would go ahead and fully expand Medicaid?

Support full Medicaid expansion

Do you oppose these changes to private insurance?

Oppose

May we contact you to hear more about your story?

No
May we submit this on your behalf as a public comment to the State of Georgia?

Yes

May we submit this comment on your behalf during the federal comment period?

Yes

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Do you support this proposal or wish Georgia would go ahead and fully expand Medicaid?
Support full Medicaid expansion

Do you oppose these changes to private insurance?
Oppose

May we contact you to hear more about your story?
No
May we submit this on your behalf as a public comment to the State of Georgia?

Yes

May we submit this comment on your behalf during the federal comment period?

Yes

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Do you support this proposal or wish Georgia would go ahead and fully expand Medicaid?

Support full Medicaid expansion

Please tell us how Medicaid has helped you, your family, or your community.

When people aren't worried about healthcare coverage, they can focus on their families, jobs, and communities

Please tell us how these changes would impact you or people in your community.
Better health for our people leads to healthier, more productive communities.

**Do you oppose these changes to private insurance?**

Oppose

**Please tell us how the private insurance marketplace or other ACA protections have helped you, your family, or your community.**

My husband, a food service worker, got insurance for the first time in his adult life.

**May we contact you to hear more about your story?**

Yes

**May we submit this on your behalf as a public comment to the State of Georgia?**

Yes

**May we submit this comment on your behalf during the federal comment period?**

Yes

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5dd2e5cafe2082773728cd0c
Do you support this proposal or wish Georgia would go ahead and fully expand Medicaid?

Support full Medicaid expansion

Please tell us how Medicaid has helped you, your family, or your community.

Medicaid was vital to my family with terminal illness as it allowed us to keep them at home through the end. Very cost effective.

Please tell us how these changes would impact you or people in your community.
Increase opportunity for quality care.

Do you oppose these changes to private insurance?
Oppose

May we contact you to hear more about your story?
Yes

May we submit this on your behalf as a public comment to the State of Georgia?
Yes

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Do you support this proposal or wish Georgia would go ahead and fully expand Medicaid?

Support full Medicaid expansion

Please tell us how Medicaid has helped you, your family, or your community.

My daughter has [redacted] and is profoundly intellectually disabled. Without Medicaid she wouldn’t have the health care that she needs and we would not be able to afford her nursing home care. It is vital for our family.
Please tell us how these changes would impact you or people in your community.

500,000 uninsured GA residents deserve and are entitled to health insurance. Not just a select few.

Do you oppose these changes to private insurance?

Oppose

Please tell us how the private insurance marketplace or other ACA protections have helped you, your family, or your community.

I know many people who did not have insurance until the ACA was available. It has helped many of them receive the care they needed for health emergencies.

Please tell us how these changes would impact you or people in your community.

These changes are cruel and inhumane. The people of GA deserve better.

May we contact you to hear more about your story?

Yes

May we submit this on your behalf as a public comment to the State of Georgia?

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Do you support this proposal or wish Georgia would go ahead and fully expand Medicaid?

Support full Medicaid expansion

Please tell us how Medicaid has helped you, your family, or your community.

I live out in rural Georgia, and a lot of people out here do not have adequate healthcare. Thankfully some of them do have medicaid and that is at least enough to help them get by.
Please tell us how these changes would impact you or people in your community.

If this happens, it will be a tragedy for Georgia. The money for a full Medicaid expansion has already been allocated. Many in my community can't wait to just hope to be one of the 50,000 people. What about the other 400,000 people that have healthcare needs right now, but are being completely ignored by these proposals? Many of these people have health needs right now and this proposal as opposed to a full medicaid expansion will cost people quality of life, and in some extreme cases could lead to unnecessary death.

Do you oppose these changes to private insurance?
Oppose

Please tell us how the private insurance marketplace or other ACA protections have helped you, your family, or your community.

The ACA, although not perfect, has helped Georgians who desperately needed healthcare. I am personally still a dependent on my parents, but I have always taken comfort in knowing that I had healthcare options through healthcare.gov. My job does not provide health insurance and I could not afford the rates of the private insurance companies that aren't a part of the ACA.

Please tell us how these changes would impact you or people in your community.

If this, as well as the proposed changes to Medicaid passed into law, the lower-income population of Georgia would be completely neglected. These changes in conjunction with one another are cruel. To take away these protections, but still have the audacity to avoid a full Medicaid expansion with absolutely no good reason is very troubling to me.

May we contact you to hear more about your story?
Yes

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Do you support this proposal or wish Georgia would go ahead and fully expand Medicaid?
Support full Medicaid expansion

Please tell us how Medicaid has helped you, your family, or your community.
My community is helped by Medicaid being available to those without the resources to pay for expensive "private" insurance plans.

Please tell us how these changes would impact you or people in your community.
Too many people are already being priced out of the insurance market. This proposal will make it more expensive, with lower coverage, for those in need. And that is not right!

**Do you oppose these changes to private insurance?**

Oppose

**Please tell us how the private insurance marketplace or other ACA protections have helped you, your family, or your community.**

ACA has made it possible for people I know to get health insurance, with effort, but without excessive effort.

**Please tell us how these changes would impact you or people in your community.**

These changes would make it harder for people to get the information they need. It would also reduce coverage for those who need assistance (e.g., mental health or addiction services.) And all qualified families and individuals should be covered.

**May we contact you to hear more about your story?**

No

**May we submit this on your behalf as a public comment to the State of Georgia?**

Yes

**May we submit this comment on your behalf during the federal comment period?**

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Do you support this proposal or wish Georgia would go ahead and fully expand Medicaid?

Support full Medicaid expansion

Please tell us how Medicaid has helped you, your family, or your community.

Medicaid helped my [redacted] young grandson

Please tell us how these changes would impact you or people in your community.
Just do the math and think of those in fire need of Medicaid's help

**Do you oppose these changes to private insurance?**

Oppose

**May we contact you to hear more about your story?**

No

**May we submit this on your behalf as a public comment to the State of Georgia?**

Yes

**May we submit this comment on your behalf during the federal comment period?**

Yes

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Do you support this proposal or wish Georgia would go ahead and fully expand Medicaid?

Support full Medicaid expansion

Please tell us how these changes would impact you or people in your community.

I think it's crazy not to use the big pot of money from the Federal Government called "Medicaid expansion". We can cover almost 500,000 people for less money than is currently being proposed. That's poor oversight!
Do you oppose these changes to private insurance?

Oppose

Please tell us how these changes would impact you or people in your community.

Mental Healthcare is fundamental. It's not a healthcare program unless you cover mental health! - just "NO"!

May we contact you to hear more about your story?

No

May we submit this on your behalf as a public comment to the State of Georgia?

Yes

May we submit this comment on your behalf during the federal comment period?

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5dd348e50807da532023151d
Do you support this proposal or wish Georgia would go ahead and fully expand Medicaid?

Support full Medicaid expansion

Please tell us how Medicaid has helped you, your family, or your community.

I pay massive taxes and expect them to be used wisely- this program will simply end up costing me more vs. covering those who need it "now"

Please tell us how these changes would impact you or people in your community.
The drain on society when you do not take care of the poor is massive. Get them health coverage so the hospitals are not upside down caring for the uninsured. We should have INSURANCE FOR ALL

**Do you oppose these changes to private insurance?**

Oppose

**Please tell us how the private insurance marketplace or other ACA protections have helped you, your family, or your community.**

so the mass shootings persist and the GOP points to mental health vs. gun control and then you take away mental health coverage? Assinine

**Please tell us how these changes would impact you or people in your community.**

See above. How about doing your job and ensuring the people are taken care of vs. big business?

**May we contact you to hear more about your story?**

No

**May we submit this on your behalf as a public comment to the State of Georgia?**

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Do you support this proposal or wish Georgia would go ahead and fully expand Medicaid?

Support full Medicaid expansion

Please tell us how Medicaid has helped you, your family, or your community.

I have an adult daughter with a developmental disability who has Medicaid for Health Care and a waiver for services. She could not be independent without it.

Please tell us how these changes would impact you or people in your community.
Many adults with disabilities are unable to receive services to live independently in the community due to the lack of Medicaid funds.

Do you oppose these changes to private insurance?

Oppose

Please tell us how the private insurance marketplace or other ACA protections have helped you, your family, or your community.

I was able to leave my job and become and go into private practice as a therapist.

May we contact you to hear more about your story?

Yes

May we submit this on your behalf as a public comment to the State of Georgia?

Yes

May we submit this comment on your behalf during the federal comment period?

Yes

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Do you support this proposal or wish Georgia would go ahead and fully expand Medicaid?

Support full Medicaid expansion

Please tell us how Medicaid has helped you, your family, or your community.

My mother, who worked hard all her life, had to be on Medicaid at the end. Only then did she have ANY insurance coverage. Expand Medicaid fully and let's get people on healthcare!
Please tell us how these changes would impact you or people in your community.

People who are now unable to afford insurance will be covered. When the start is offered fed money, why are we turning it down?

**Do you oppose these changes to private insurance?**

Oppose

Please tell us how the private insurance marketplace or other ACA protections have helped you, your family, or your community.

When I worked, I was covered for my cancer treatments through work insurance there. Now it may be considered a pre-existing condition.

**Please tell us how these changes would impact you or people in your community.**

People may think they're covered for certain problems, but they won't be. Pre-existing conditions may not be covered.

**May we contact you to hear more about your story?**

No

**May we submit this on your behalf as a public comment to the State of Georgia?**

Yes

**May we submit this comment on your behalf during the federal comment period?**

Yes

**Submission ID**

5dd1afd4fe2082438b248dae
Do you support this proposal or wish Georgia would go ahead and fully expand Medicaid?

Support full Medicaid expansion

Please tell us how Medicaid has helped you, your family, or your community.

I am not on Medicaid, but I care deeply for the poor and disenfranchised. People need protection, and it can only be accomplished by true leaders of society.

Please tell us how these changes would impact you or people in your community.
My community lives on the thin ice of a new day. There is no major technology or professional industries located here.

**Do you oppose these changes to private insurance?**

Oppose

**Please tell us how the private insurance marketplace or other ACA protections have helped you, your family, or your community.**

There are avenues to keep your insurance after becoming disabled through ☐ and then through private insurance; however, the caveat is if you can afford it. Georgia charges the most by private insurance carriers, not because of pre-existing conditions, but instead, for lack of a quantitative enrollment.

**Please tell us how these changes would impact you or people in your community.**

To pay more for private insurance in Georgia would be devastating to seniors and the disabled working to continue living longer. Not to mention that if you lose the insurance for any reason you will also lose your pre-existing conditions forever and can never be insured again!

**May we contact you to hear more about your story?**

Yes

**May we submit this on your behalf as a public comment to the State of Georgia?**

Yes

**May we submit this comment on your behalf during the federal comment period?**

Yes

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Do you support this proposal or wish Georgia would go ahead and fully expand Medicaid?
Support full Medicaid expansion

Do you oppose these changes to private insurance?
Oppose

May we contact you to hear more about your story?
No

May we submit this on your behalf as a public comment to the State of Georgia?
Yes

May we submit this comment on your behalf during the federal comment period?
Yes

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Do you support this proposal or wish Georgia would go ahead and fully expand Medicaid?

Support full Medicaid expansion

Do you oppose these changes to private insurance?

Support

May we contact you to hear more about your story?

No
May we submit this on your behalf as a public comment to the State of Georgia?

Yes

May we submit this comment on your behalf during the federal comment period?

Yes

Submission ID

5dd1d0bcfe20820d1d6df198
Do you support this proposal or wish Georgia would go ahead and fully expand Medicaid?
Support full Medicaid expansion

Do you oppose these changes to private insurance?
Oppose

May we contact you to hear more about your story?
No
May we submit this on your behalf as a public comment to the State of Georgia?

Yes

May we submit this comment on your behalf during the federal comment period?

Yes

Submission ID

5dd16f7a0807da37db774394
Do you support this proposal or wish Georgia would go ahead and fully expand Medicaid?

Support full Medicaid expansion

Please tell us how these changes would impact you or people in your community.

Without Medicaid I would die without my medication. My community will watch me slowly die in pain and anguish. Kemp promised this would not happen. He is just like #45. Will his children be effected or his wife mother father if they are living. Why does GA not care about all of us. I know money and corruption and person gain is at play.
Do you oppose these changes to private insurance?

Oppose

Please tell us how the private insurance marketplace or other ACA protections have helped you, your family, or your community.

Private Insurance operates just like mechanics. Lies and deception motivated by greed and corruption.

Please tell us how these changes would impact you or people in your community.

More people we love and care about will suffer and die. Why?

May we contact you to hear more about your story?

Yes

May we submit this on your behalf as a public comment to the State of Georgia?

Yes

May we submit this comment on your behalf during the federal comment period?

Yes

Submission ID

5dd048190807da2b0929961b
Do you support this proposal or wish Georgia would go ahead and fully expand Medicaid?

Support full Medicaid expansion

Please tell us how Medicaid has helped you, your family, or your community.

Medicaid has saved the lives of many people I've known from the various communities I've lived in.

Please tell us how these changes would impact you or people in your community.
Fully expanding Medicaid would allow many people from the community to enroll and have health insurance who currently are uninsured. This will save lives and create a greater quality of life for those and others. Not only will the expansion save the state money while covering a much larger number of citizens, but will reduce stress from uncovered or under-covereded individuals and reduce the number of medical bankruptcy.

**Do you oppose these changes to private insurance?**

Oppose

**Please tell us how these changes would impact you or people in your community.**

It would require many people I know to suffer as a result of the financial assistance cap. Expensive treatments are often the most important and capping these treatments will often result in drastic outcomes. Putting a cap on cancer treatment, transplant surgeries, or any other form of life saving medical assistance puts lives at risk and is a danger to the ones we love.

**May we contact you to hear more about your story?**

No

**May we submit this on your behalf as a public comment to the State of Georgia?**

Yes

**May we submit this comment on your behalf during the federal comment period?**

Yes

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Do you support this proposal or wish Georgia would go ahead and fully expand Medicaid?

Support full Medicaid expansion

Please tell us how Medicaid has helped you, your family, or your community.

My girlfriend gained access to dental care through Alabama Medicaid. She was able to get regular dental checkups, regular doctor's visits, and other health-preserving preventive care.
Please tell us how these changes would impact you or people in your community.

These changes would strip members of my church who are recovering from homelessness from the medical care they need.

Do you oppose these changes to private insurance?

Oppose

Please tell us how the private insurance marketplace or other ACA protections have helped you, your family, or your community.

The private insurance marketplace has offered me an unbiased market in which I can browse for health insurance.

My former coworkers used this marketplace to shop for coverage they felt suited them best.

Please tell us how these changes would impact you or people in your community.

These changes would create obstacles to adequate healthcare in my community.

May we contact you to hear more about your story?

No

May we submit this on your behalf as a public comment to the State of Georgia?

Yes

May we submit this comment on your behalf during the federal comment period?

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Do you support this proposal or wish Georgia would go ahead and fully expand Medicaid?

Support full Medicaid expansion

Please tell us how Medicaid has helped you, your family, or your community.

Made it so my mother in law could get medicine she needs to love.

Please tell us how these changes would impact you or people in your community.
Enable these people to never make a decision of medicine or food. I’ve seen this happen

Do you oppose these changes to private insurance?

Oppose

Please tell us how the private insurance marketplace or other ACA protections have helped you, your family, or your community.

Made it so these poor young people can still have health care. Other states that have implemented Obama care are much better off

Please tell us how these changes would impact you or people in your community.

Let prove love better lives!

May we contact you to hear more about your story?

No

May we submit this on your behalf as a public comment to the State of Georgia?

Yes

May we submit this comment on your behalf during the federal comment period?

Yes

Submission ID

5dd2b6d50807da17bd25e014
Do you support this proposal or wish Georgia would go ahead and fully expand Medicaid?

Support full Medicaid expansion

Please tell us how Medicaid has helped you, your family, or your community.

Medicaid has the ability to extend healthcare coverage to people who would not otherwise be able to access it. A healthy community benefits everyone.

Do you oppose these changes to private insurance?
Oppose

Please tell us how the private insurance marketplace or other ACA protections have helped you, your family, or your community.

I have a chronic illness. Before the ACA I could not buy health insurance. My wife's job did not offer health insurance. I was a stay-at-home mom. Being able to buy a plan on the exchange saved my life.

Please tell us how these changes would impact you or people in your community.

Lives are literally in the balance.

May we contact you to hear more about your story?

Yes

May we submit this on your behalf as a public comment to the State of Georgia?

Yes

May we submit this comment on your behalf during the federal comment period?

Yes

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Do you support this proposal or wish Georgia would go ahead and fully expand Medicaid?

Support full Medicaid expansion

Please tell us how Medicaid has helped you, your family, or your community.

We'd not be able to afford insurance for our kids if not for medicaid. Medicaid in Ga has helped me while pregnant and then a short time after discover pre cancer which I'm suppose to have checked periodically, but sadly cannot because they throw you off medicaid after having the baby, so maybe thats why our maternal Mortality rate is so high, because we leave our poor mothers without coverage for absolutely no reason.
Please tell us how these changes would impact you or people in your community.

Nothing will change for me I still wont have coverage I guess, because I have to stay at home with my three boys, two of which are [redacted] and have tons of therapies all week, and my two year old, even if I could find a job that worked around all that, I still couldn't afford childcare much less healthcare (IF it was available). My husband works, and we make it but I just worry about not getting checked out and something turning into Cancer, and what will we do then, what will my kids do

Do you oppose these changes to private insurance?

Oppose

May we contact you to hear more about your story?

Yes

May we submit this on your behalf as a public comment to the State of Georgia?

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Guthrie-Puckett

Street Address

Zip Code

Do you support this proposal or wish Georgia would go ahead and fully expand Medicaid?
Support full Medicaid expansion

Do you oppose these changes to private insurance?
Oppose

May we contact you to hear more about your story?
Yes

May we submit this on your behalf as a public comment to the State of Georgia?
Yes

May we submit this comment on your behalf during the federal comment period?
Yes

**Submission ID**

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Do you support this proposal or wish Georgia would go ahead and fully expand Medicaid?

Support full Medicaid expansion

Please tell us how Medicaid has helped you, your family, or your community.

Fully expanding Medicaid would allow those who cannot afford health insurance to access preventative care. Without access to preventative care, our emergency departments handle patients in crisis with medical problems that could easily, and economically, be prevented. Everyone should have access to affordable preventative care in a state with our resources. It is not only humane, it's in the best interest of our
economy. I imagine how I might feel if a loved one was sick and could not pay for care or basic medicine. It's unconscionable.

**Please tell us how these changes would impact you or people in your community.**

A full expansion of Medicaid would help keep our community well and would save the money spent on illnesses that could be prevented.

**Do you oppose these changes to private insurance?**

Oppose

**Please tell us how the private insurance marketplace or other ACA protections have helped you, your family, or your community.**

I have purchased coverage on the ACA exchange and would have had to go without health insurance if not for it. Also, I have preexisting conditions and insurers should not be able to discriminate against me because of it.

**Please tell us how these changes would impact you or people in your community.**

I would likely not be able to afford coverage because of preexisting conditions.

**May we contact you to hear more about your story?**

No

**May we submit this on your behalf as a public comment to the State of Georgia?**

Yes

**May we submit this comment on your behalf during the federal comment period?**

Yes

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2019-11-18 14:57:09

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First Name
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City

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GA

Zip Code

Do you support this proposal or wish Georgia would go ahead and fully expand Medicaid?
Support full Medicaid expansion

Do you oppose these changes to private insurance?
Oppose

Please tell us how the private insurance marketplace or other ACA protections have helped you, your family, or your community.
My sister has a pre-existing condition, a personality disorder, and requires medication. Without access to coverage under the ACA, she would not be able to afford the mood stabilizer that are vital for her to be able to work and study.

May we contact you to hear more about your story?

No

May we submit this on your behalf as a public comment to the State of Georgia?

Yes

May we submit this comment on your behalf during the federal comment period?

Yes

Submission ID

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Cover Georgia Waiver Commentary

Submitted At

Email Address

First Name
Hassan

Last Name

Street Address

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State
Ga

Zip Code

Do you support this proposal or wish Georgia would go ahead and fully expand Medicaid?

Universal healthcare for all!

Do you oppose these changes to private insurance?

Oppose

May we contact you to hear more about your story?

No
May we submit this on your behalf as a public comment to the State of Georgia?
Yes

May we submit this comment on your behalf during the federal comment period?
Yes

Submission ID
5dd0c0dbfe20822bcf58ba5a
Do you support this proposal or wish Georgia would go ahead and fully expand Medicaid?

Support full Medicaid expansion

Please tell us how these changes would impact you or people in your community.

A work requirement is ridiculous, and the entire proposal is an inefficient use of taxpayer dollars. Healthcare is a right, and we should do everything possible to help people, not make them jump through hoops.
Do you oppose these changes to private insurance?

Oppose

Please tell us how the private insurance marketplace or other ACA protections have helped you, your family, or your community.

ACA gave me insurance when insurers rejected me for laughable reasons. I was on a crappy “basic” discount plan for a while and it was expensive and awful coverage.

Please tell us how these changes would impact you or people in your community.

I have a lot of friends who need antidepressants and therapists. This change would hurt a lot of people I love.

May we contact you to hear more about your story?

No

May we submit this on your behalf as a public comment to the State of Georgia?

Yes

May we submit this comment on your behalf during the federal comment period?

Yes

Submission ID

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Do you support this proposal or wish Georgia would go ahead and fully expand Medicaid?

Support full Medicaid expansion

Please tell us how these changes would impact you or people in your community.

It's the right thing to do for our citizens and make life easier easier for that hard-working families.

Do you oppose these changes to private insurance?
Support

May we contact you to hear more about your story?

No

May we submit this on your behalf as a public comment to the State of Georgia?

Yes

May we submit this comment on your behalf during the federal comment period?

Yes

Submission ID

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Holland

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State
GA

Zip Code

Do you support this proposal or wish Georgia would go ahead and fully expand Medicaid?

Support full Medicaid expansion

Please tell us how Medicaid has helped you, your family, or your community.

My brother-law would not be alive today without medicaid. He has

Please tell us how these changes would impact you or people in your community.
People who need Medicaid cannot afford to pay a fee for it. And requiring them to work doesn't make sense. They need Medicaid because they are mentally or physically ill, injured, or caring for spouses, children, or parents and cannot work!

**Do you oppose these changes to private insurance?**

Oppose

**Please tell us how these changes would impact you or people in your community.**

This program would make health insurance more expensive--our community can't afford that!

**May we contact you to hear more about your story?**

No

**May we submit this on your behalf as a public comment to the State of Georgia?**

Yes

**May we submit this comment on your behalf during the federal comment period?**

Yes

**Submission ID**

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Submitted At
2019-11-19 16:14:15

Email Address

First Name

Last Name
Holmes

Street Address

City

State
GA

Zip Code

Do you support this proposal or wish Georgia would go ahead and fully expand Medicaid?
Support full Medicaid expansion

Do you oppose these changes to private insurance?
Oppose

May we contact you to hear more about your story?
No
May we submit this on your behalf as a public comment to the State of Georgia?
Yes

May we submit this comment on your behalf during the federal comment period?
Yes

Submission ID
5dd45b27fe208240fc6f87cf
Do you support this proposal or wish Georgia would go ahead and fully expand Medicaid?

Support full Medicaid expansion

Please tell us how Medicaid has helped you, your family, or your community.

It has not affected my immediate family yet, but we have many friends that have developmental disabilities that will not be covered and they have no to call on to help.

Please tell us how these changes would impact you or people in your community.
People with developmental disabilities would have no one to call on for help.

Do you oppose these changes to private insurance?
Oppose

May we contact you to hear more about your story?
No

May we submit this on your behalf as a public comment to the State of Georgia?
Yes

May we submit this comment on your behalf during the federal comment period?
Yes

Submission ID
5dd4642c0807da55cd094be5
Do you support this proposal or wish Georgia would go ahead and fully expand Medicaid?

Support full Medicaid expansion

Please tell us how these changes would impact you or people in your community.

Simply put, too many of those who need medical care coverage would be excluded from the tiny sliver of folks included in Kemp’s plan.

Further, it makes absolutely ZERO fiscal sense to reject the inclusion of another
~420,000 Georgia residents (at the same cost) just for some philosophical/political belief rooted in bigotry and racial prejudice.

Do you oppose these changes to private insurance?

Oppose

Please tell us how the private insurance marketplace or other ACA protections have helped you, your family, or your community.

Without the comprehensive coverage we currently have, I would have been unable to continue the treatments that have kept my rare cancer at bay. Without coverage for mental health providers, I would have not been able to overcome my depression that nearly led to suicide.

May we contact you to hear more about your story?

No

May we submit this on your behalf as a public comment to the State of Georgia?

Yes

May we submit this comment on your behalf during the federal comment period?

Yes

Submission ID

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2019-11-16 11:43:20

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First Name

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Humphrey

Street Address

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GA

Zip Code

Do you support this proposal or wish Georgia would go ahead and fully expand Medicaid?
Support full Medicaid expansion

Do you oppose these changes to private insurance?
Oppose

May we contact you to hear more about your story?
No
May we submit this on your behalf as a public comment to the State of Georgia?

Yes

May we submit this comment on your behalf during the federal comment period?

Yes

Submission ID

5dd02728fe20825e28079111
Do you support this proposal or wish Georgia would go ahead and fully expand Medicaid?

Support full Medicaid expansion

Please tell us how Medicaid has helped you, your family, or your community.

medicaid has covered myself and my children in another state ensuring that we all have access to healthcare

Please tell us how these changes would impact you or people in your community.
This would greatly help myself and those in my community who make too much to be covered under the current allowances, but yet can not afford the expensive options via the market place. Affordable plans via the market have deductibles that are nowhere near realistic for most low to middle class people.

**Do you oppose these changes to private insurance?**

Oppose

**Please tell us how the private insurance marketplace or other ACA protections have helped you, your family, or your community.**

They haven’t helped. I can’t afford the deductibles.

**May we contact you to hear more about your story?**

Yes

**May we submit this on your behalf as a public comment to the State of Georgia?**

Yes

**May we submit this comment on your behalf during the federal comment period?**

Yes

**Submission ID**

5dd02684fe20825fe76510e2
Do you support this proposal or wish Georgia would go ahead and fully expand Medicaid?

Support full Medicaid expansion

Please tell us how Medicaid has helped you, your family, or your community.

For 23 years of nursing I have watch our system destroy people and families. While we struggle to make the system work for patients the bean counters in insurance and government seem to do whatever they can to stop us.

Dear god how many more times do we have to watch people die because the can’t
afford primary care and come in damn near dead from what should be as chronic illness.

Do you oppose these changes to private insurance?
Medicare for all.

May we contact you to hear more about your story?
Yes

May we submit this on your behalf as a public comment to the State of Georgia?
Yes

May we submit this comment on your behalf during the federal comment period?
Yes

Submission ID
5dd486cffe2082236567dad0
Do you support this proposal or wish Georgia would go ahead and fully expand Medicaid?

Private Health Insurance

Do you oppose these changes to private insurance?

Private Insurance needs to be changed and heavily regulated. They should be required to cover more with eliminating their bureaucratic red tape. In order to prevent financial individual financial strain that’s what we have insurance for. Filing your doctor or hospital claim should be simpler than it is now! We should not have so much out of pocket expense. It is not right that a doctor should have to get
permission from someone with no medical knowledge to order a diagnostic procedure, and perform the treatment. If the doctor orders it, then he/she should not have to prove to some insurance bureaucrats that it’s medically necessary.

**May we contact you to hear more about your story?**

Yes

**May we submit this on your behalf as a public comment to the State of Georgia?**

Yes

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Yes

**Submission ID**

5dd464b90807da55cd094c19
Do you support this proposal or wish Georgia would go ahead and fully expand Medicaid?

Support full Medicaid expansion

Please tell us how these changes would impact you or people in your community.

My family would benefit from full Medicaid expansion

Do you oppose these changes to private insurance?
Oppose

Please tell us how the private insurance marketplace or other ACA protections have helped you, your family, or your community.

cannot afford ACA

May we contact you to hear more about your story?

No

May we submit this on your behalf as a public comment to the State of Georgia?

Yes

May we submit this comment on your behalf during the federal comment period?

Yes

Submission ID

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Do you support this proposal or wish Georgia would go ahead and fully expand Medicaid?
Support full Medicaid expansion

Do you oppose these changes to private insurance?
Oppose

May we contact you to hear more about your story?
Yes
May we submit this on your behalf as a public comment to the State of Georgia?

Yes

May we submit this comment on your behalf during the federal comment period?

Yes

Submission ID

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Submitted At
2019-11-16 16:33:25

Email Address

First Name
Kay

Last Name

Street Address

Zip Code

Do you support this proposal or wish Georgia would go ahead and fully expand Medicaid?
Support full Medicaid expansion

Do you oppose these changes to private insurance?
Oppose

May we contact you to hear more about your story?
No

May we submit this on your behalf as a public comment to the State of Georgia?
Yes

May we submit this comment on your behalf during the federal comment period?
Yes

**Submission ID**

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First Name
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City

State
Georgia

Zip Code

Do you support this proposal or wish Georgia would go ahead and fully expand Medicaid?

Support full Medicaid expansion

Do you oppose these changes to private insurance?

Oppose

May we contact you to hear more about your story?

Yes
May we submit this on your behalf as a public comment to the State of Georgia?

Yes

May we submit this comment on your behalf during the federal comment period?

Yes

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GA

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Do you support this proposal or wish Georgia would go ahead and fully expand Medicaid?

Support full Medicaid expansion

Please tell us how Medicaid has helped you, your family, or your community.

I have been very fortunate and have always had health insurance through my job and now Medicare, but I know that there are many in my community who need Medicaid. Without it, our hospitals would be overrun with people who cannot get normal healthcare and wind up desperately ill. This would push out healthcare costs even higher.
Please tell us how these changes would impact you or people in your community.

It really appears that these changes will help a few people, but there are a huge number of people who need health insurance, but will not be able to get coverage this way. As usual, people like Gov. Kemp think that everyone has the same access to things like transportation or basic skills and education that they have had. There will be a lot of people who cannot even spare $11 a month to pay the premiums. This seems like a silly gesture since it covers a minuscule part of the cost while putting a burden on those who can least afford it.

Do you oppose these changes to private insurance?

These changes could be OK with some additional modifications and assistance.

Please tell us how the private insurance marketplace or other ACA protections have helped you, your family, or your community.

The ACA helped my son get insurance until he could get a job with benefits.

Please tell us how these changes would impact you or people in your community.

Not sure.

May we contact you to hear more about your story?

No

May we submit this on your behalf as a public comment to the State of Georgia?

Yes

May we submit this comment on your behalf during the federal comment period?

Yes

Submission ID

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Cover Georgia Waiver Commentary

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Email Address

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Last Name
Lee

Street Address

City

State
GA

Zip Code

Do you support this proposal or wish Georgia would go ahead and fully expand Medicaid?

Support full Medicaid expansion

Please tell us how these changes would impact you or people in your community.

I am particularly concerned about the work reporting requirements and the fact that this proposal leaves out the small slice of low-income individuals making between 100 and 138% of the federal poverty line. I am especially concerned about the impact of the work reporting requirements on parents who stay at home to care for children.
Although they may not meet the work reporting requirements, they certainly need health care and are providing valuable service to their children, families and communities. Earlier this year the state also disenrolled thousands of Medicaid recipients for not responding to renewal notices although they would still have been eligible. I am not confident that work reporting requirements would be administered in such a way that would prevent many low-income Georgians from enrolling.

**Do you oppose these changes to private insurance?**

Oppose

**Please tell us how the private insurance marketplace or other ACA protections have helped you, your family, or your community.**

When I moved to Georgia and lost my employer-based insurance, I purchased insurance through healthcare.gov and found it easy to navigate. It was much more affordable than COBRA and getting insurance through my husband’s school.

**Please tell us how these changes would impact you or people in your community.**

I am not sure what problem is being fixed by being the only state in the nation that doesn't use either its own website or healthcare.gov. This change seems to be tilted in favor of insurance brokers and away from consumers who are already at a disadvantage in navigating our health care system.

**May we contact you to hear more about your story?**

No

**May we submit this on your behalf as a public comment to the State of Georgia?**

Yes

**May we submit this comment on your behalf during the federal comment period?**

Yes

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Submitted At
2019-11-16 19:05:35

Email Address

First Name
Lewis

Last Name

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State
Georgia

Zip Code

Do you support this proposal or wish Georgia would go ahead and fully expand Medicaid?

Support full Medicaid expansion

Please tell us how Medicaid has helped you, your family, or your community.

People would stop putting off needed care for themselves and their children, for one thing. We have studies showing that people are DYING for lack of coverage!!!!! Georgia has now, and has had for some years the highest rates of maternal death/serious complications with childbirth in the entire US!
Please tell us how these changes would impact you or people in your community.

I live in a rural-agricultural area in SE Georgia. 72% of the rural hospitals in the US that have CLOSED have been in states that have not implemented Medicaid expansion. We have a large percentage of uninsured/seriously underinsured people in the my area. Georgia is one of the top 3 states now for threatened rural hospital closure. It is only a matter of time. Setting our rural hospitals up for closure is NOT OK, just as leaving people with NO or inadequate coverage is NOT OK. It sickens and kills people.

**Do you oppose these changes to private insurance?**

Oppose

**Please tell us how the private insurance marketplace or other ACA protections have helped you, your family, or your community.**

I know many people and patients (am a retired RN) whose lives were saved by the ACA. I know many who were able to get care for previously excluded conditions that are COMMON health conditions.

**Please tell us how these changes would impact you or people in your community.**

First of all, plans should NOT be presented by insurance companies!!!! Plans should be presented on an unbiased, non-commercial site. Georgia is riddled with Type 2 diabetes and related conditions. Excluding such a pre-existing condition is HORRIFYING as is making the cost of an insurance policy prohibitively expensive to cover it!!!! This is a recipe for creating SICK CITIZENS - with heart attacks, strokes, fatty liver disease leading to the need for liver transplants or death and what is now referred to as Type # diabetes - Alzheimers disease.

**May we contact you to hear more about your story?**

Yes

**May we submit this on your behalf as a public comment to the State of Georgia?**

Yes

**May we submit this comment on your behalf during the federal comment period?**
Do you support this proposal or wish Georgia would go ahead and fully expand Medicaid?

Support full Medicaid expansion

Please tell us how Medicaid has helped you, your family, or your community.

My older brother suffered a brain bleed and as a result requires full-time care. His wife provides much of his care and thus is not able to work a full-time job. They depend on Medicaid for their medical care.
Please tell us how these changes would impact you or people in your community.

As more people move into the older age brackets, we need better health care structure for everyone.

Do you oppose these changes to private insurance?

Oppose

Please tell us how the private insurance marketplace or other ACA protections have helped you, your family, or your community.

ACA was a step in the right direction for America. More people who needed insurance were able to get it.

Please tell us how these changes would impact you or people in your community.

When we improve the healthcare for everyone, it helps the entire community.

May we contact you to hear more about your story?

Yes

May we submit this on your behalf as a public comment to the State of Georgia?

Yes

May we submit this comment on your behalf during the federal comment period?

Yes

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Street Address

City

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GA

Zip Code

Do you support this proposal or wish Georgia would go ahead and fully expand Medicaid?

Support full Medicaid expansion

Please tell us how Medicaid has helped you, your family, or your community.

I'm health care provider and not having insurance makes people be sicker and therefore care is more expensive

Do you oppose these changes to private insurance?
Oppose

Please tell us how the private insurance marketplace or other ACA protections have helped you, your family, or your community.

It helps insuring that everyone has access to insurance. Every federal employee has very good insurance with low co-pay and deductible. How come only federal employee and of course Congress has access to this insurance???

May we contact you to hear more about your story?

No

May we submit this on your behalf as a public comment to the State of Georgia?

Yes

May we submit this comment on your behalf during the federal comment period?

Yes

Submission ID

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Submitted At
2019-11-16 10:15:23

Email Address

First Name
Mack

Last Name

Street Address

City

State
GA

Zip Code

Do you support this proposal or wish Georgia would go ahead and fully expand Medicaid?

Support full Medicaid expansion

Please tell us how Medicaid has helped you, your family, or your community.

Everyone deserves access to healthcare, and fully expanding Medicaid is the best option currently on the table, both fiscally and morally, to achieve that.

Please tell us how these changes would impact you or people in your community.
Fully expanding. Medicaid is the only solution currently on the table that would responsibly achieve health coverage for Georgians. It is the right thing to do.

Do you oppose these changes to private insurance?

Oppose

Please tell us how the private insurance marketplace or other ACA protections have helped you, your family, or your community.

Accessible and affordable healthcare coverage allows people to live independent and productive lives. Restricting access to healthcare coverage or making it less accessible or less affordable will only serve to increase costs to the state. It would be a fiscal mistake to carry out these proposed changes to private health insurance.

Please tell us how these changes would impact you or people in your community.

Why, in 2019, are we even considering a proposal that REDUCES access to mental healthcare????? I want everyone in my community to have affordable access to mental healthcare. PLEASE fully expand Medicaid!!!!

May we contact you to hear more about your story?

No

May we submit this on your behalf as a public comment to the State of Georgia?

Yes

May we submit this comment on your behalf during the federal comment period?

Yes

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Email Address

First Name
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City

State
GA

Zip Code

Do you support this proposal or wish Georgia would go ahead and fully expand Medicaid?

Support full Medicaid expansion

Please tell us how these changes would impact you or people in your community.

Without full expansion of Medicaid, the working uninsured that I spent 14 years providing healthcare to in Pickens County will continue to have shorter and less productive lives. Covering this tiny fraction of Georgians at such a high cost is unthinkable.
Do you oppose these changes to private insurance?
Oppose

Please tell us how the private insurance marketplace or other ACA protections have helped you, your family, or your community.

When my COBRA coverage expires, I will depend on the ACA for coverage. I had to get private coverage in 90s and it was an expensive nightmare. I want to be able to rely on vetted plans that will cover what I need. Private insurance brokers don't care about you once you've signed up.

May we contact you to hear more about your story?
Yes

May we submit this on your behalf as a public comment to the State of Georgia?
Yes

May we submit this comment on your behalf during the federal comment period?
Yes

Submission ID
5dd00d170807da2a261e0180
Do you support this proposal or wish Georgia would go ahead and fully expand Medicaid?

Support full Medicaid expansion

Please tell us how Medicaid has helped you, your family, or your community.

I'm on Medicaid because I'm poor.

Please tell us how these changes would impact you or people in your community.
If I don’t have Medicaid I won’t be able to get help for my diabetes.

**Do you oppose these changes to private insurance?**

Oppose

**May we contact you to hear more about your story?**

Yes

**May we submit this on your behalf as a public comment to the State of Georgia?**

Yes

**May we submit this comment on your behalf during the federal comment period?**

Yes

**Submission ID**

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Submitted At
2019-11-17 15:36:20

Email Address

First Name

Last Name
Potts

Street Address

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State
GA

Zip Code

Do you support this proposal or wish Georgia would go ahead and fully expand Medicaid?

Just leave it alone. I make less than 200.00 over being able to get Medicaid. And the affordable healthcare act is the only way I can possibly get coverage with every thing that is wrong with me.

Please tell us how Medicaid has helped you, your family, or your community.

I have friends that have had to depend on Medicaid that would have been homeless if they hadn't been able to fall back on it.
Please tell us how these changes would impact you or people in your community.

I wouldn't be able to get any coverage at all and with all my health problems I would be devastated. Medications alone would be more than I make a month and still 4 yrs away from medicare.

**Do you oppose these changes to private insurance?**

Oppose

**Please tell us how the private insurance marketplace or other ACA protections have helped you, your family, or your community.**

Medicare. Was without ins for 4 yrs before ACA. I was able to get coverage and since that time I have had several medical problems. Otherwise I would have lost everything.

**Please tell us how these changes would impact you or people in your community.**

There would be no way I could survive

**May we contact you to hear more about your story?**

Yes

**May we submit this on your behalf as a public comment to the State of Georgia?**

Yes

**May we submit this comment on your behalf during the federal comment period?**

Yes

**Submission ID**

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2019-11-16 19:17:17

Email Address

First Name

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Street Address

City

State
Ga

Zip Code

Do you support this proposal or wish Georgia would go ahead and fully expand Medicaid?
Support full Medicaid expansion

Please tell us how Medicaid has helped you, your family, or your community.
Helped my nephews son get health insurance.

Please tell us how these changes would impact you or people in your community.
More people who qualify would have health insurance.

**Do you oppose these changes to private insurance?**

Oppose

**May we contact you to hear more about your story?**

Yes

**May we submit this on your behalf as a public comment to the State of Georgia?**

Yes

**May we submit this comment on your behalf during the federal comment period?**

Yes

**Submission ID**

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2019-11-18 19:01:46

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Street Address

City

State
GA

Zip Code

Do you support this proposal or wish Georgia would go ahead and fully expand Medicaid?
Support full Medicaid expansion

Do you oppose these changes to private insurance?
Oppose

May we contact you to hear more about your story?
No
May we submit this on your behalf as a public comment to the State of Georgia?

Yes

May we submit this comment on your behalf during the federal comment period?

Yes

Submission ID

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Cover Georgia Waiver Commentary

Submitted At
2019-11-18 09:51:43

Email Address

First Name

Last Name
Robinson

Street Address

City

State
GA

Zip Code

Do you support this proposal or wish Georgia would go ahead and fully expand Medicaid?
Support full Medicaid expansion

Please tell us how Medicaid has helped you, your family, or your community.
It simply helps people who need the help.

Please tell us how these changes would impact you or people in your community.
If Medicaid is not expanded, then GA will fall even further behind in covering our most vulnerable residents.

**Do you oppose these changes to private insurance?**

Oppose

**Please tell us how the private insurance marketplace or other ACA protections have helped you, your family, or your community.**

Members of my family have used the marketplace and received impartial information that is easy to understand to make their decision.

**Please tell us how these changes would impact you or people in your community.**

Letting insurance companies handle this would undermine public confidence in the process.

**May we contact you to hear more about your story?**

No

**May we submit this on your behalf as a public comment to the State of Georgia?**

Yes

**May we submit this comment on your behalf during the federal comment period?**

Yes

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Do you support this proposal or wish Georgia would go ahead and fully expand Medicaid?
Support full Medicaid expansion

Do you oppose these changes to private insurance?
Oppose

May we contact you to hear more about your story?
No
May we submit this on your behalf as a public comment to the State of Georgia?

Yes

May we submit this comment on your behalf during the federal comment period?

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Do you support this proposal or wish Georgia would go ahead and fully expand Medicaid?
Support full Medicaid expansion

Do you oppose these changes to private insurance?
Oppose

May we contact you to hear more about your story?
Yes
May we submit this on your behalf as a public comment to the State of Georgia?

Yes

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Yes

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Do you support this proposal or wish Georgia would go ahead and fully expand Medicaid?

Support full Medicaid expansion

Please tell us how Medicaid has helped you, your family, or your community.

I have [Redacted] with Medicaid I wouldn’t have access the medical that helps keep the disease from becoming Debilitating!!!
Please tell us how these changes would impact you or people in your community.

I couldn’t take care of my 10 year old so. Or 93 yr old grandmother.

Do you oppose these changes to private insurance?

Oppose

May we contact you to hear more about your story?

Yes

May we submit this on your behalf as a public comment to the State of Georgia?

Yes

May we submit this comment on your behalf during the federal comment period?

Yes

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Do you support this proposal or wish Georgia would go ahead and fully expand Medicaid?

Support full Medicaid expansion

Please tell us how Medicaid has helped you, your family, or your community.

I have a helper that comes once a week. He is on medicaid. He is a good man. He has been left behind. He needs medicaid and quality healthcare. He can't understand complicated policy and reporting requirements.

Do you oppose these changes to private insurance?
Oppose

May we contact you to hear more about your story?

No

May we submit this on your behalf as a public comment to the State of Georgia?

Yes

May we submit this comment on your behalf during the federal comment period?

Yes

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Ga

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Do you support this proposal or wish Georgia would go ahead and fully expand Medicaid?

Support full Medicaid expansion

Please tell us how Medicaid has helped you, your family, or your community.

Every person has the right to healthcare in America. It should not matter if a person is poor or rich!

Please tell us how these changes would impact you or people in your community.
See above

Do you oppose these changes to private insurance?
Oppose

Please tell us how the private insurance marketplace or other ACA protections have helped you, your family, or your community.

People should have great affordable healthcare. My benefits have gone down and I work for a large company. This is unacceptable and proposing to privatize healthcare so the insurance companies profit is ridiculous

May we contact you to hear more about your story?
Yes

May we submit this on your behalf as a public comment to the State of Georgia?
Yes

May we submit this comment on your behalf during the federal comment period?
Yes

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Do you support this proposal or wish Georgia would go ahead and fully expand Medicaid?

Support full Medicaid expansion

Please tell us how these changes would impact you or people in your community.

Expanding Medicaid will lower costs of health insurance.

Do you oppose these changes to private insurance?
Oppose

May we contact you to hear more about your story?

No

May we submit this on your behalf as a public comment to the State of Georgia?

Yes

May we submit this comment on your behalf during the federal comment period?

Yes

Submission ID

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Do you support this proposal or wish Georgia would go ahead and fully expand Medicaid?

Support full Medicaid expansion

Please tell us how Medicaid has helped you, your family, or your community.

As self-employed people making less than 60k/year quality medical coverage is next to impossible to obtain. Any catastrophic injury or illness will put us in debt for life.

Please tell us how these changes would impact you or people in your community.
Life or death outcomes should not be predicated upon how much money is in your bank account. Period.

**Do you oppose these changes to private insurance?**

Oppose

**Please tell us how the private insurance marketplace or other ACA protections have helped you, your family, or your community.**

We were able to afford a plan that covered us for preventative care instead of just catastrophic coverage.

**Please tell us how these changes would impact you or people in your community.**

These proposed changes would put us right back to square one, unable to afford routine preventative care and appropriate medical care.

**May we contact you to hear more about your story?**

No

**May we submit this on your behalf as a public comment to the State of Georgia?**

Yes

**May we submit this comment on your behalf during the federal comment period?**

Yes

**Submission ID**

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Do you support this proposal or wish Georgia would go ahead and fully expand Medicaid?

Support full Medicaid expansion

Please tell us how Medicaid has helped you, your family, or your community.

Medicaid has helped me get extra help for my prescription drugs and healthcare costs.

Please tell us how these changes would impact you or people in your community.
These changes would make my healthcare situation impossible. I have a permanent disability in the form of a mental health disorder. I rely on my psychiatrist, therapist, and medication to stay healthy. I cannot afford a premium for my healthcare. I am opposed to reporting requirements that would make my situation more confusing, humiliating, and complicated-forcing me to disclose my healthcare information and income level to organizations where I volunteer. Furthermore, the proposed changes would decimate my support network which consists of many friends who also have preexisting mental health conditions.

**Do you oppose these changes to private insurance?**

Oppose

**Please tell us how the private insurance marketplace or other ACA protections have helped you, your family, or your community.**

The Mental Health Parity enshrined in the ACA has helped all of us with preexisting mental health conditions. It gives us hope that we will have access to insurance coverage, come what may.

**Please tell us how these changes would impact you or people in your community.**

These changes would cause people in my community with preexisting conditions to lose access to coverage.

**May we contact you to hear more about your story?**

Yes

**May we submit this on your behalf as a public comment to the State of Georgia?**

Yes

**May we submit this comment on your behalf during the federal comment period?**

Yes

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GEORGIA

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Do you support this proposal or wish Georgia would go ahead and fully expand Medicaid?
Support full Medicaid expansion

Do you oppose these changes to private insurance?
Oppose

May we contact you to hear more about your story?
No
May we submit this on your behalf as a public comment to the State of Georgia?

Yes

May we submit this comment on your behalf during the federal comment period?

Yes

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Merkel

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GA

Zip Code

Do you support this proposal or wish Georgia would go ahead and fully expand Medicaid?
Support full Medicaid expansion

Do you oppose these changes to private insurance?
Oppose

May we contact you to hear more about your story?
Yes
May we submit this on your behalf as a public comment to the State of Georgia?
Yes

May we submit this comment on your behalf during the federal comment period?
Yes

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Do you support this proposal or wish Georgia would go ahead and fully expand Medicaid?

Support full Medicaid expansion

Please tell us how Medicaid has helped you, your family, or your community.

My mother received SSDI before she died. Her income was very low and having Medicaid helped to cover her medicare premiums. Whenever she didn't qualify for Medicaid because of working a gee days, it was a struggle to manage with her limited income. Having Medicaid available to those that are disabled and/or low income is a great help to people.
Do you oppose these changes to private insurance?

Oppose

Please tell us how these changes would impact you or people in your community.

As a clinical social worker I understand and see firsthand the importance of mental health treatment. People are losing their lives because of the stigma attached to seeking treatment. Insurance companies not being required to cover treatment adds to the stigma and dismissal of mental health. Our mental health is just as important as our physical health and therefore should be a required coverage.

May we contact you to hear more about your story?

Yes

May we submit this on your behalf as a public comment to the State of Georgia?

Yes

May we submit this comment on your behalf during the federal comment period?

Yes

Submission ID

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Do you support this proposal or wish Georgia would go ahead and fully expand Medicaid?

Support full Medicaid expansion

Please tell us how these changes would impact you or people in your community.

REPUBLICANS DO NOT CARE ABOUT THE PEOPLE THEY SERVE...REPUBLICANS WOULD LOVE TO TOTALLY ABOLISH OUR MEDICAID, MEDICARE AND SOCIAL SECURITY....
Do you oppose these changes to private insurance?
Oppose

May we contact you to hear more about your story?
No

May we submit this on your behalf as a public comment to the State of Georgia?
Yes

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Do you support this proposal or wish Georgia would go ahead and fully expand Medicaid?
Support full Medicaid expansion

Do you oppose these changes to private insurance?
Oppose

May we contact you to hear more about your story?
No
May we submit this on your behalf as a public comment to the State of Georgia?

Yes

May we submit this comment on your behalf during the federal comment period?

Yes

Submission ID

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Do you support this proposal or wish Georgia would go ahead and fully expand Medicaid?

Support full Medicaid expansion

Please tell us how Medicaid has helped you, your family, or your community.

I am a physician and have seen how Medicaid can help people get medicines and a few home health visits but it cannot cover going to rehab facilities so post operative patients either stay in the hospital driving up costs or go home and then do not thrive and come back to the hospital and drive up costs through readmissions.
Please tell us how these changes would impact you or people in your community.

Full expansion should include above

**Do you oppose these changes to private insurance?**

Oppose

**May we contact you to hear more about your story?**

Yes

**May we submit this on your behalf as a public comment to the State of Georgia?**

Yes

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Yes

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Do you support this proposal or wish Georgia would go ahead and fully expand Medicaid?

Support full Medicaid expansion

Please tell us how Medicaid has helped you, your family, or your community.

My community has a large percentage of poor people who desperately need Medicaid services. Everyone who has Medicaid is grateful for it.

Please tell us how these changes would impact you or people in your community.
See above

Do you oppose these changes to private insurance?

Oppose

Please tell us how the private insurance marketplace or other ACA protections have helped you, your family, or your community.

FULL insurance should be available to ALL Georgians, whether through private insurance or through Medicaid expansion.

Please tell us how these changes would impact you or people in your community.

It would be decent and humane and fair to all Georgians, and the overall health and prosperity of Georgians would improve dramatically.

May we contact you to hear more about your story?

Yes

May we submit this on your behalf as a public comment to the State of Georgia?

Yes

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Yes

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5dd1e8effe20822aff619203
Do you support this proposal or wish Georgia would go ahead and fully expand Medicaid?

Support full Medicaid expansion

Please tell us how these changes would impact you or people in your community.

Georgia currently has an abysmal record in covering its citizens and the state falls far behind in the national average of known health metrics and to continually to try and undercut and underfund its state programs and then pretending that this “bandaid” will improve overall coverage is foolish and dangerous
Do you oppose these changes to private insurance?

Oppose

Please tell us how these changes would impact you or people in your community.

Any insurance that would under insure a population or an individual is inappropriate and essentially is putting good money to waste

May we contact you to hear more about your story?

No

May we submit this on your behalf as a public comment to the State of Georgia?

Yes

May we submit this comment on your behalf during the federal comment period?

Yes

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Do you support this proposal or wish Georgia would go ahead and fully expand Medicaid?

Support full Medicaid expansion

Please tell us how Medicaid has helped you, your family, or your community.

So many schools around us are on the cusp of Title 1 - families are stretched as is. Quality education and healthcare are vital for a strong community and are proven investments in our future.
Please tell us how these changes would impact you or people in your community.

The costs of reducing healthcare access are known. From time off work to care for children, to missed school, being unable to get care or meds costs all of us.

**Do you oppose these changes to private insurance?**

Oppose

**Please tell us how the private insurance marketplace or other ACA protections have helped you, your family, or your community.**

It boils down to the fact that for-profit healthcare will always be about their profit. They will never, ever prioritize care or quality of care for patients unless they are regulated. EVER.

**Please tell us how these changes would impact you or people in your community.**

Significantly reduced quality of care and a huge increase out of pocket. It is the inverse of what healthcare should strive to be.

**May we contact you to hear more about your story?**

No

**May we submit this on your behalf as a public comment to the State of Georgia?**

Yes

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Yes

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Do you support this proposal or wish Georgia would go ahead and fully expand Medicaid?

Support full Medicaid expansion

Please tell us how Medicaid has helped you, your family, or your community.

As a former single mom with two kids and no health insurance on my job, Medicaid saved us. I would be paralyzed if Medicaid hadn't paid for the [redacted] I needed. My kids would have most likely been in peril too without the Medicaid coverage provided to low income families. I work with many people who are uninsured and need Medicaid coverage. They can't get it without a FULL MEDICAID EXPANSION! I'm not
sure what your reason for not expanding is, but please understand that our tax dollars pay for YOU and YOUR FAMILY to have medical coverage. The least you can do is insure that the people in your state, many who voted for you, have the same opportunity to be covered by medical insurance as we are providing you with.

Please tell us how these changes would impact you or people in your community.

The people in my community would be able to ensure that their family has medical coverage and if anything health related happens, they don't have to worry about how they will pay for it. No one should have to make a choice between paying rent and taking care of a sick loved one. Lack of health coverage does that to people every day. Don't continue the shame spiral.

Do you oppose these changes to private insurance?

Oppose

Please tell us how the private insurance marketplace or other ACA protections have helped you, your family, or your community.

This has allowed many of the people I serve to afford the necessary health care to take care of their serious and not so serious health issues. Mental health is a problem across the country. Most assuredly with the homeless and under served communities. To limit any portion of health care for any individual would be or should be a crime. We all deserve to be healthy and happy. Some of us need more help to do that than others and if you REALLY CARE about the people in this state, you won't hinder anyone from getting quality health care, paid or unpaid.

Please tell us how these changes would impact you or people in your community.

This would prevent many of my clients and those in my community from being able to access needed services for mental health care and general health care, not to mention specialty health care.

May we contact you to hear more about your story?

Yes

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Yes
May we submit this comment on your behalf during the federal comment period?

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Georgia

Zip Code

Do you support this proposal or wish Georgia would go ahead and fully expand Medicaid?

Support full Medicaid expansion

Please tell us how Medicaid has helped you, your family, or your community.

My mother in law had [redacted] that Medicaid covered care for when her primary insurance maxed out.

Do you oppose these changes to private insurance?
Oppose

May we contact you to hear more about your story?
No

May we submit this on your behalf as a public comment to the State of Georgia?
Yes

May we submit this comment on your behalf during the federal comment period?
Yes

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First Name

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Wilson

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GA

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Do you support this proposal or wish Georgia would go ahead and fully expand Medicaid?
Support full Medicaid expansion

Do you oppose these changes to private insurance?
Oppose

May we contact you to hear more about your story?
No
May we submit this on your behalf as a public comment to the State of Georgia?
Yes

May we submit this comment on your behalf during the federal comment period?
Yes

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Do you support this proposal or wish Georgia would go ahead and fully expand Medicaid?

Support full Medicaid expansion

Please tell us how Medicaid has helped you, your family, or your community.

There have been times when my husband or I could not afford healthcare and it wasn’t offered through our jobs. We needed peachcare to insure our kids and although it helped with medical expenses, it did not cover the mental health services my daughter needed.
Please tell us how these changes would impact you or people in your community.

We don’t want to go back to a time where mental health services aren’t covered or if they’re considered a pre-existing condition causing prices to be unaffordable. Expand Medicare at a lower cost to the public and will allow more people coverage than the proposed plans.

**Do you oppose these changes to private insurance?**

Oppose

**Please tell us how the private insurance marketplace or other ACA protections have helped you, your family, or your community.**

ACA protections have ensured my daughter can receive mental health coverage. Without them, she wouldn’t be alive today.

**Please tell us how these changes would impact you or people in your community.**

I worry most about my daughter. People switch jobs and change plans. It’s not fair to revert to higher costs or lac of coverage for pre-existing conditions. She could literally die and that’s not okay.

**May we contact you to hear more about your story?**

Yes

**May we submit this on your behalf as a public comment to the State of Georgia?**

Yes

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Yes

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Wimberly

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Georgia

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Do you support this proposal or wish Georgia would go ahead and fully expand Medicaid?

Support full Medicaid expansion

Please tell us how Medicaid has helped you, your family, or your community.

Medical costs are out of sight; the for profit medical providers need government intervention, regulation or just out right bankruptcy. Let's get rid of the for profit medical system and put in place a single medical system that is non-profit and cover all citizens.
Please tell us how these changes would impact you or people in your community.

Lift the fear of unemployment for those who have cost effective medical insurance through an employer. Allow citizens to try a self employed business while keeping medical insurance.

Do you oppose these changes to private insurance?

Oppose

Please tell us how the private insurance marketplace or other ACA protections have helped you, your family, or your community.

Currently the proposed changes remove protections currently in place in the Affordable Care Act. Let's not leave any citizens out of the proposal!

Please tell us how these changes would impact you or people in your community.

My community consists of citizens and what is best for all citizens is best for me.

May we contact you to hear more about your story?

No

May we submit this on your behalf as a public comment to the State of Georgia?

Yes

May we submit this comment on your behalf during the federal comment period?

Yes

Submission ID

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Wise

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Georgia

Zip Code

Do you support this proposal or wish Georgia would go ahead and fully expand Medicaid?

Support full Medicaid expansion

Please tell us how Medicaid has helped you, your family, or your community.

It has helped keeping my community healthy and strong

Please tell us how these changes would impact you or people in your community.
Health care and quality of health will deteriorate which makes no economic sense, not to mention it is the anthesis of the Christian Gospels that most Republicans often describe themselves to be followers of.

**Do you oppose these changes to private insurance?**

Oppose

**Please tell us how the private insurance marketplace or other ACA protections have helped you, your family, or your community.**

Again, these are not sound decisions for society nor are they very Christian like

**Please tell us how these changes would impact you or people in your community.**

It will contribute to more illnesses and lost productivity

**May we contact you to hear more about your story?**

No

**May we submit this on your behalf as a public comment to the State of Georgia?**

Yes

**May we submit this comment on your behalf during the federal comment period?**

Yes

**Submission ID**

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Submitted At
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Email Address

First Name

Last Name
Woodling

Street Address

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GA

Zip Code

Do you support this proposal or wish Georgia would go ahead and fully expand Medicaid?
Support full Medicaid expansion

Do you oppose these changes to private insurance?
Oppose

May we contact you to hear more about your story?
Yes
May we submit this on your behalf as a public comment to the State of Georgia?
Yes

May we submit this comment on your behalf during the federal comment period?
Yes

Submission ID
5dd137930807da34a92118d6
Do you support this proposal or wish Georgia would go ahead and fully expand Medicaid?

Support full Medicaid expansion

Please tell us how Medicaid has helped you, your family, or your community.

I received Medicaid when I could not locate my husband. It had afforded me the opportunity to give my baby regular checkups to track its development.

Please tell us how these changes would impact you or people in your community.
It will give me and my community the opportunity to keep our health in check before complications arise. I have high blood pressure.

**Do you oppose these changes to private insurance?**

Oppose

**Please tell us how the private insurance marketplace or other ACA protections have helped you, your family, or your community.**

I was laid off from work, and I was able to get a plan on the marketplace at a reasonable price.

**Please tell us how these changes would impact you or people in your community.**

The rates in the marketplace is fairly reasonable now so anything higher would be a challenge to pay. People would choose paying for health care of food.

**May we contact you to hear more about your story?**

Yes

**May we submit this on your behalf as a public comment to the State of Georgia?**

Yes

**May we submit this comment on your behalf during the federal comment period?**

Yes

**Submission ID**

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Email Address

First Name

Last Name
Zells

Street Address

City

State
GA

Zip Code

Do you support this proposal or wish Georgia would go ahead and fully expand Medicaid?

Support full Medicaid expansion

Please tell us how Medicaid has helped you, your family, or your community.

I personally am not covered by Medicaid but have family members who are. They certainly have benefited from this coverage and would be impoverished without it.

Please tell us how these changes would impact you or people in your community.
Myself and any of my neighbors could find ourselves in need. Governor Kemp’s proposal is neither adequate nor cost-effective.

**Do you oppose these changes to private insurance?**

Oppose

**Please tell us how the private insurance marketplace or other ACA protections have helped you, your family, or your community.**

Leaving healthcare coverage to the insurance industry will only drive up costs and produce dissatisfaction.

**Please tell us how these changes would impact you or people in your community.**

See above. Support Medicare for All.

**May we contact you to hear more about your story?**

No

**May we submit this on your behalf as a public comment to the State of Georgia?**

Yes

**May we submit this comment on your behalf during the federal comment period?**

Yes

**Submission ID**

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Submitted At
2019-11-16 17:46:05

Email Address

First Name

Last Name
Yager

Street Address

City

State
Ga

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Do you support this proposal or wish Georgia would go ahead and fully expand Medicaid?

Support full Medicaid expansion

Please tell us how Medicaid has helped you, your family, or your community.

Medicaid covers many in my community with mental health care that is greatly needed in order to survive and live with mental illness

Please tell us how these changes would impact you or people in your community.
Nearly 500,000! Will be abandoned by the state of Georgia. The suicide rate will climb as will homelessness, unemployment and crime. Without treatment hundreds of thousands will be unable to thrive.

**Do you oppose these changes to private insurance?**

Oppose

**Please tell us how the private insurance marketplace or other ACA protections have helped you, your family, or your community.**

ACA has allowed access to more affordable mental healthcare.

**Please tell us how these changes would impact you or people in your community.**

Hundreds of thousands will be left with mental health care. This is a prejudice action that will increase stigma, the suicide rate, unemployment, homelessness and crime at an astonishing rate to those who live with mental illness and their families.

**May we contact you to hear more about your story?**

Yes

**May we submit this on your behalf as a public comment to the State of Georgia?**

Yes

**May we submit this comment on your behalf during the federal comment period?**

Yes

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