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 is impossible to expect "for profit" companies & corporations to act in the best interest of patients.

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

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

This is part of the metamorphosis of Jesus Christ from the humble servant of the poor to the symbol for prosperity theology, xenophobia, homophobia, denying science, and denying women control over their own bodies and destinies.

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 has not help my family personally but has assisted people that I know.

Do you oppose these changes to private insurance?

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

I am a veteran and too many of the people that would be substantially harmed by these changes such as the rules pertaining to mental health issues, no access to healthcare.gov, lack of access to Medicare/Medicaid is typical of what Republican administrations have been doing to Veterans and other needy people of Georgia since ACA was first passed. This is disgraceful!

May we contact you to hear more about your story?

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.

The seniors and children have better care. Comfortable with the Doctors they choose. It helps not having worry about (what if my child or themselves get sick).

Please tell us how these changes would impact you or people in your community.
A slow form of genocide. The Seniors will die first, then the children. No one there to take care of them.

Parents working several minimum wage jobs just can afford to pay a premium and pay rent, utilities, clothing, food, etc.

Do you oppose these changes to private insurance?

Oppose these changes

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

Feeling safe and secure and a Human being, not just a number.

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

Fearful

May we contact you to hear more about your story?

No

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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.

Ga. needs a healthy workforce & population. ER treatment is not sufficient to address the needs of the people. We have one of the worse Infant & maternal Morbidity & Mortality. That is just wrong!
Please tell us how these changes would impact you or people in your community.

People are suffering & dying without access to healthcare. That is both a human cost as well as economic-- to our state!

Do you oppose these changes to private insurance?

Oppose these changes

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

The ACA stopped caps, covered pre-existing conditions among many other changes. The cost has not been addressed by a party that has spent its time repealing & now trying to destroy what little of the ACA that Trump has not destroyed. We spend twice as much as other countries & have far worse outcomes. Now ranked about 37th in advanced nations of the world.

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 these changes would impact you or people in your community.

Please don't let Gov. Kemp put poor Georgians at even greater risk than they now are.

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

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

He has resisted signing up for more expansive medicaid.

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

Please do not let Gov. Kemp put poor Georgians at even greater risk.

May we contact you to hear more about your story?

No

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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.

Health insurance is necessary for people to live. Politicians must stop blocking people, especially our most vulnerable populations, from having access to healthcare.

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

These changes would make healthcare even more unaffordable than it already is.

Do you oppose these changes to private insurance?

Oppose these changes

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

Health insurance companies must be held accountable and prevented from artificially inflating costs. The marketplace and ACA regulations, while not perfect, help with this
immensely by forcing insurance companies to stop gouging their most at-risk customers. Health insurance is necessary for people to live. Politicians must stop giving preference to companies’ profits over people.

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

These changes would make health insurance even more unaffordable and inaccessible than it already is.

**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 these changes

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 these changes

Please tell us how these changes would impact you or people in your community.
Even making a fair income, mental health care is expensive. Already mental care is far more than physical. Please don't make it worse.

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 these changes

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.

As a public health nurse, I experienced the many and varied health benefits of Medicaid to mothers and babies, many of the mothers immigrants. Every child deserves a healthy start, and every mother and father want that for their children.
Do you oppose these changes to private insurance?

Oppose these changes

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

Public support for the ACA is strong. Starting over with a private program will mean years of disruption without benefiting many Georgians who need insurance.

May we contact you to hear more about your story?

No

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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 expansion keeps my medical bills low by insuring low income families who cannot afford health care, who otherwise have to go to emergency rooms for their medical care, which gets paid for through higher medical bills for all of us.
Please tell us how these changes would impact you or people in your community.

These changes would miss an important opportunity to cover more people with less cost to the Georgia taxpayers like me.

Do you oppose these changes to private insurance?

Oppose these changes

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

When I first moved back home, I was unemployed, and was able to get health insurance for my kids easily, until I got a job.

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

People with pre-existing conditions, which includes many people who did not have access to health coverage before, would again be left out of medical coverage, passing those expenses on to us. Private insurance companies cannot be trusted to make health decisions in the best interest of the customer if it challenges their bottom line.

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.

The two years I was on Medicaid, I got the best healthcare of my life for free. Everyone should have access to that exceptional level of care. I am at a higher income level now, and I look forward to paying more taxes to help my community get the care they need.

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

Everyone in my family needs special medical care. Paying astronomical medical bills
forces us to go without quality of life increasing care and medicine. It's terrible.

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

Oppose these changes

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

I want to have children. Without insurance, I can't even afford to give birth, much less afford to raise kids. ACA protections are the only way people like me can have families and still be in the middle class.

**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 these changes

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.

Medicaid Expansion will, save thousand of Georgians lives.....what kind of evil politicians is KEMP ???

Please tell us how these changes would impact you or people in your community.
Thousands will DIE. !!!!

Do you oppose these changes to private insurance?

Oppose these changes

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

ACA made Healthcare affordable

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

Thousand will NOT be able to afford healthcare and will DIE at the hands of Kemp and ALL the other evil Republicans ...shame on their cruelty.....they are MURDERERS !!!

Medicaid Expansion is the only hope for poor Georgians to get healthcare ...

How doe these politicians sleep at night ???

Do their children know other, children are dying because of, their fathers and grandfathers ????

God deliver US from these evil men !!!!

May we contact you to hear more about your story?

No

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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.

Provided medical benefits to people who would not otherwise have them, including a friend of mine.

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

Fewer people would receive fewer benefits.

Do you oppose these changes to private insurance?

Oppose these changes

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

Provided coverage and medical benefits to many people who would not otherwise have had them.
Please tell us how these changes would impact you or people in your community.

Adversely.

May we contact you to hear more about your story?

No

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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 these changes

May we contact you to hear more about your story?

No
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May we submit this comment on your behalf during the federal comment period?

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As a recent graduate with my Master's in Public Health in Health Policy, the downstream impacts of this type of Medicaid restriction will be disastrous and more costly to the state.

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

Oppose these changes

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

The healthcare system is already confusing enough for the general public, and by requiring consumers to shop for health insurance on websites outside of healthcare.gov this plan is adding to the general state level confusion and will lead to consumers paying higher rates and spending more time choosing a plan.

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

Almost every member of my family including myself could qualify for a pre-existing condition

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

No

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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 is an immense help for those who live at or below poverty. I have plenty of graduate school friends who relied and continue to rely on Medicaid.

Please tell us how these changes would impact you or people in your community.
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've retired from Publix health in Georgia. If anyone in this state has seen a need for full Medicaid expansion, it is those nurses on the front lines, our PH nurses. Please listen to them and type the stories they could tell about citizens in need. In Gainesville we have a free clinic named by volunteer medical professionals just too keep up with those in need. Don't ignore the least of these.
Do you oppose these changes to private insurance?

Oppose these changes

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

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

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 these changes would impact you or people in your community.

I am already on a fixed income, barely able to maintain financial stability! I do not have the option of employment as an 83 yo, white, ex republican and will soon run out of items to sell. Is there a suicide option in this plan?
Do you oppose these changes to private insurance?

Oppose these changes

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

When government insurance is limited, private insurance may increase benefits initially, but will increase costs and restrictions without the government "competition"

May we contact you to hear more about your story?

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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 worked as a Medicaid provider in order to offer assistance to as many patients as possible. My children were also eligible for PeachCare when my earnings were over the poverty line but not nearly enough to ensure quality care of my family. The opportunity to receive this healthcare while a single, working mother optimized their overall wellbeing as well as their future.
Please tell us how these changes would impact you or people in your community.

The inability to access healthcare coverage, whether by changing the eligibility criteria or creating excessive, unnecessary difficulty in accessing benefits serves no one. How would a community benefit by not providing care for its members?

Do you oppose these changes to private insurance?

Oppose these changes

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

I have a preexisting condition and was able to access quality healthcare as an individual for the first time in 30+ years

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

Giving great power to a private entity leaves individuals vulnerable and at great risk of harm.

May we contact you to hear more about your story?

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.

Health care for low income people helps Georgians in every community. As a social worker in Georgia for over 30 years, I have seen the damage done to our citizens by an indifferent legislature that chose, time and again, to deny them access to health care.
Please tell us how these changes would impact you or people in your community.

People can work, raise their families and enhance their communities when they are healthy.

Do you oppose these changes to private insurance?

Oppose these changes

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

Private insurance and the ACA have helped in other states. Georgians deserve this help.

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

Healthy people help grow Georgia.

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.
I am a public health practitioner and I work with people who are underinsured or uninsured. Healthcare is a human right and I have seen people get life saving healthcare because of Medicaid.

Please tell us how these changes would impact you or people in your community.
These changes would only slightly cover more people and cost more than a full Medicaid expansion. Other states have expanded Medicaid and have saved money.

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

Please tell us how the private insurance marketplace or other ACA protections have helped you, your family, or your community.
Private health insurance has saved my life. I live with pre-existing mental and physical ailments. Without this health insurance I would die. This is a life or death decision.

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

I would die. Full stop. Without mental health services my depression will kill me. Without physical health services my immunological disorder will kill 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?**

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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.

This insurance has been instrumental in many persons receiving the medical care. I don't think it is fair for Kemp and state representative to have insurance that care for their health needs and others suffer.
Please tell us how these changes would impact you or people in your community.

People will suffer and die and this travesty will be on the hands of the politicians who really, don't give a damn about anyone buy themselves. It is unfortunate that crooks and bandits have taken or stolen political office, however, this too will pass and they must be held accountable.

Do you oppose these changes to private insurance?

Oppose these changes.

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

Generally, employers provide insurance coverage, however, depending on the coverage it is generally inadequate. which is unfair. the entire systems requires changes with the consumer first, and insurance provider last.

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

As stated earlier people will suffer and insurance companies will gain.

May we contact you to hear more about your story?

No.

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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 these changes

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

Do you oppose these changes to private insurance?

Oppose these changes

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 worked for fifteen years to solve problems with homelessness in Atlanta. I know from personal experience that access to quality health care is critical for people trying to overcome homelessness. People who are homeless because of limited marketable skills or behavioral health disorders will not benefit from the state's limited proposals. Most indeed will be excluded.
For a lifetime Georgians who were swept into the opioid epidemic will need medical care in order to live. Medicaid is needed to give these Georgians access to the costly treatment they will need. Under a full Medicaid expansion the state funds for this treatment get multiplied 10-fold and create a realistic system of care. Someone in state government ought to read Dopesick by Beth Macy to see why full Medicaid expansion is needed to fight the Pharma-created opioid epidemic. The legal settlement of civil suits will not be enough to restore the damage done. How many Georgians have lost their lives to this epidemic and how many more will die without full access to treatment? The Medicaid expansion should be connected to the strategies to fight the opioid epidemic.

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

This proposal is fiscally irresponsible. Helping 80,000 people in five years when you could simply and efficiently help 500,000 now is poor use of taxpayers' dollars.

I don't believe that the federal government will twist the match rules for Georgia alone. It has already decided this issue. Using the 68% match instead of a 91% match is a very bad business decision for a Governor elected on business principles.

Do you oppose these changes to private insurance?

Oppose these changes

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

My daughter is an artist with a very low income. She has three part-time jobs but would not have healthcare without the Affordable Care Act subsidy. The federal marketplace works efficiently for her. She does not need an insurance broker in between her and the market. She needs full insurance like everybody else and not a limited coverage plan that is likely to put her in financial difficulty.

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

Full coverage would insure coverage for homeless and disabled persons. The work requirement will exclude this population from coverage. Most of these citizens will not be able to keep up with the premium payment schedule unless it is once a year.

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 these changes would impact you or people in your community.

Greene county income disparity is one of the highest in Ga.

the poor are struggling with a myriad of issues we cannot even imagine and denying or restricting their access to decent healthcare is inhumane and inexcusable.
Do you oppose these changes to private insurance?
Oppose these changes

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
5ddc1f110807da0e0e200dfc
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.

Giving my fellow citizens the means to stay healthy, keep working, and build independent lives makes for a thriving more prosperous state for all of us. This is not assistance, this is investment and the more Georgian we can invest in the better
return for all of us.

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

Oppose these changes

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

Many state representatives in Georgia have refused to take action on gun control stating that this is a mental health problem. To increase the cost and reduce the availability of mental health coverage seems to belie that concern. I believe this plan would make this state less safe and reduce the quality of life and productivity of our 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?**

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 see Medicaid helping the kids with whom I work in a clinic

Please tell us how these changes would impact you or people in your community.
We have a fair number of poor people in Hall County, although I know that rural Georgia has more needs. Less care would negatively impact kids who don’t get enough care as it is.

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

Oppose these changes

**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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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 care for the working poor and understand full well the impact of Medicaid on these children. In that children health seeking behaviors is a reflection of their parents behavior, when a parent has limited access to healthcare because of insurance coverage, their child will reflect their parents patterns and lead to poorer health outcomes for them. Also when a parent is not able to access healthcare and has poor
health, they are not able to properly take care of their child.

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

We need to insure that every working adult has access to affordable health insurance. We don't need to put unnecessary burdens on them in order to do so. If you are healthy, then you increase the likelihood of being a productive and successive citizen. Our communities are only as strong as the weakest family. Each politician should gauge their decision on what would work best for them if they were in the positions of these families. As a public servant, they should empathize with those who have not had the opportunities or good fortune to be able to have full access to what this country offers. In not going after full Medicaid expansion, we, as a state will be paying more into the system and offering insurance coverage for a significant lower number of residents. It doesn't make any sense. It appears that any Republican led initiative around healthcare lowers the opportunities and fortunes of others. Why is that?? Jesus said that we should care for widows, orphans and the poor. This plan does not do that!

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 oldest daughter and her husband are self-employed. My daughter also has [redacted]. Instead of applying for disability, she has opted to work full time. Prior to the ACA, they were paying exorbitant insurance premiums. Not complaining, just working hard to stay insured. Unfortunately, they were late one time and she was dropped from a plan that they had been paying into for many years. She could not get health insurance until ACA. It immediately impacted their ability to stay insured. Now with the changes made by the Trump administration, her premiums have sky rocketed again. Your changes will only add to that problem. I'm sure her family represents hundreds of others. Also by lowering the standards, you have reduced these plans to nothing less than a second tier healthcare systems. I've seen these tiered systems in poor countries. I guess that's what we're aiming for in Georgia. It should not be. How about looking out for your fellow man, even those who put you into office and not lower the standards and widen the divide between those who are fortunately enough to gain access to this country riches and those who are not as fortunate!! God forbid that you or yours have to abide by the deplorable decisions you are choosing to make with our health care system.
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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Yes

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5dd59bd10807da12e76550f8
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 a social worker who has worked with patients who are working poor. They make just a little over the Medicaid limit now and cannot afford to take care of their health or pay for medications. To say someone would have to complete a form every month or they get kicked off of support is burdensome. It also creates even more of a chance...
of something going wrong electronically or paperwise that is not their fault but they will be the one to suffer when they are kicked off of the program.

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

Oppose

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

I am a social worker and come across many patients with mental health issues. Eliminating the requirement for insurance companies to cover mental health will create a crisis in Georgia. It is challenging enough for people who have mental health issues to find providers who are available to help them.

**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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5dd586eafe208261c674bc7f
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.

There is no reason to pay twice as much of our tax dollars to provide coverage for half as many people. Access to healthcare will make it easier for low income people to get the healthcare they need rather than have to choose between their health, their rent, transportation, food, or utilities.
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 friend has a preexisting condition and would not be able to have insurance without the ACA

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

Recent grads, people with preexisting conditions, people with mental health issues all need to have access to insurance and this would make it very difficult for them

May we contact you to hear more about your story?

No

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Yes

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5dd5859dfe20825f220ec48a
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 paid for much of my father's nursing home care.

Please tell us how these changes would impact you or people in your community.
Low income people in Union County must have Medicaid to get needed medical care for their families.

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

Oppose

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

Yes

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Yes

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Yes

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5dd58c0afe20826c0057103a
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 haven't had insurance for 9 years. Expansion of medicaid would help me get covered at all.

Please tell us how these changes would impact you or people in your community.
I and my community would get covered.

**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.**

A lot more people that I know are covered after the ACA

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

Not having coverage or sufficient coverage.

**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?
Oppose

Please tell us how these changes would impact you or people in your community.
The people who need the coverage the most will still not be covered.

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

Please tell us how these changes would impact you or people in your community.
The people who need the coverage the most will still not be covered.

Do you oppose these changes to private insurance?
Oppose

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

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

Please tell us how Medicaid has helped you, your family, or your community.
Policy would not have an effect on my family or myself, however this draconian measure would cripple current and future medicaid recipients

Please tell us how these changes would impact you or people in your community.
Not Applicable

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 changes would effect all residents in the state of GA, regardless of their (illegible) economic backgrounds

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

N/A

May we contact you to hear more about your story?

No

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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.
Full Medicaid expansion would help the family of the 7th grader who I tutor. Her mother works full-time, but her father is disabled. They are just barely above poverty line.

Please tell us how these changes would impact you or people in your community.
Full Medicaid expansion would help the working poor get the preventive services that they need. This would decrease the state's overall costs.
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 niece received the mental health services that she needed, enabling her to return to work.

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

My friends who do not have a h.s. diploma would not be able to find objective information on health care plans online.

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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5dd59ac7fe20820fb852af42
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 egregious and fiscally irresponsible to spend so much taxpayer money and not even move the needle for rural health care or the hundreds of thousands of uninsured Georgians.

Do you oppose these changes to private insurance?

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

What happens when the state reaches their cap and people are put on a waiting list - one that does not currently exist - to access assistance? This seems like a huge step backward.

May we contact you to hear more about your story?

No

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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?

Yes
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5dd5a2cb0807da21235e41a0
Do you support this proposal or wish Georgia would go ahead and fully expand Medicaid?

Support this proposal

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

Allowed medical, dental, and medical care

Please tell us how these changes would impact you or people in your community.
There are community members that would be out of health insurance. Also people I assist as a provider would present at emergency rooms for routine care

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

Support

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

When I worked as a contractor, I had healthcare through the ACA

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

Community members that would qualify for coverage will go uninsured. There will be an increase in emergency mental health services

**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?

Oppose

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

n/a

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

n/a

Do you oppose these changes to private insurance?

Support

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

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

the cap being added

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

No

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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.

Medicaid coverage is vital for those who have disabilities, behavioral health challenges, chronic disease, etc

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

More of the families and individuals or organization (illegible) will be able to receive healthcare - this means lower emergency room visits and negative health outcomes
Do you oppose these changes to private insurance?

Support full expansion of Medicaid

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

More individuals have felt a sense of health stability thanks to the ACA

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

Less crisis management and less homelessness for vulnerable families already struggling with affordable housing, employments, mental health, and stability

May we contact you to hear more about your story?

Yes

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Yes

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Yes

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5dd5a569fe2082280576fc6f
Do you support this proposal or wish Georgia would go ahead and fully expand Medicaid?

Oppose

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

These changes affect families by not going far enough to cover Georgians who fall in the gap of making too much for medicaid and not leaving enough income to afford private insurance.
Please tell us how these changes would impact you or people in your community.

Medicaid helped me when I was uninsured after a job lay off. I was pregnant with a chronic health and high risk condition. I was able to deliver a healthy baby boy due to medicaid coverage

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 employer does not offer health insurance and I depend on coverage through the ACA for health insurance for me (I have pre-existing conditions) and for my 2 boys. We are able to receive free preventative health services and prescription medication. ACA is a life saver for me

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

With so many rural hospitals closing, capping financial assistance and having people on waiting lists causes people not to receive much needed healthcare from practitioners and clinics. People who have pre-existing conditions could be denied coverage. People who go without mental health services would be detrimental to them, their families, or cause incarcerations. People would pay more for less coverage.

May we contact you to hear more about your story?

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?

Oppose

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

It helps to have a healthier community where all ranges of needs for chronic and crisis health are addressed

Please tell us how these changes would impact you or people in your community.
It makes it harder for people to qualify so the health care needs are neglected.

**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 who did not have ins [insurance ]have greater access. Parents can keep students on insurance while in college or obtaining jobs with benefits.

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

Insurance that does not really cover a service is NO good at all. Because a person has ins [insurance] they do not qualify for many indigent programs or state contracted services.

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

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 this proposal

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

It's helped individuals still have access for their medical needs. Medicaid also doesn't require a premium to be paid.

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

Thus would help my community by giving them coverage to see doctors and get medications even if they are living in poverty.

Do you oppose these changes to private insurance?

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

This could make coverage more affordable and accessible

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

This would allows individuals a way to have some coverage

May we contact you to hear more about your story?

No

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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.

Kemp is trying to euthanize Georgia. His plan is tantamount to murder.

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 need the aca for my son to live. Without the aca, he won't be able to finish law school because of his cancer.

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

DEATH plain and simple. Death.

May we contact you to hear more about your story?

Yes

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5dd5aa940807da33921e7095
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 son was unable to afford the healthcare available at his job. He was covered under ACA for a reasonable amount.

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

Although a price can’t be put on good health, there should be a cap put on the percentage of gross that health costs should not be allowed to exceed. The people who need it the most, poor working people, are the people that should get the most benefit since they tend to be sickest. It would cost less to taxpayers in the long run to make healthcare available to them.

**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 this proposal

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

I have a son who needed a [redacted] at the age of 6 mos. Although I was a working mother, I couldn’t afford the healthcare or medicine on my own until I was married. Medicaid assisted in that area tremendously. Now I have a grandchild with [redacted] Same situation with healthcare meds, his father (my son) and his mom is currently facing now. Medicaid is assisting tremendously. Both parents are working.

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

Medicaid expansion would allow individuals who can’t afford insurance (although working) to get proper health care. Many individuals do no go to the doctor because of
inability to pay.

Do you oppose these changes to private insurance?

Support

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

Within my community the ACA has offered the opportunity for some individuals to get health 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?

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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 expansion would help keep hospitals open in rural and underserved areas of your state. Right now those hospitals that haven’t already closed are under siege bc those Medicaid dollars have been denied them. Most of Georgia is underserved and our lack of hospitals is going to quickly cripple our ability to attract businesses to our state. This is a three alarm fire problem that must be addressed ASAP.
Please tell us how these changes would impact you or people in your community.

My son is in medical school and would love to be an obgyn but he wants to practice in an underserved area and you can’t deliver babies when there are no hospitals to deliver them in. Most women in Georgia have to travel a great distance to see an obgyn bc of the shortsightedness of the decision of state lawmakers to say no to the expansion of Medicaid funding. My son will still go to an underserved area but as another type of physician.

Do you oppose these changes to private insurance?

Oppose these changes

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

My husband is a primary care physician in an underserved area here in north Georgia. He sees so many patients whose problems are rooted in ptsd, other mental issues and drug addictions arising out of those issues. Denying or limiting insurance coverage for those issues is going backwards to pre-existing condition territory. It would be criminal. The thought of it is more than infuriating.

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

Do you oppose these changes to private insurance?

Oppose these changes

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

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

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.
It is intolerable that there are people in this state who do not have access to health services.

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

**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.

I have been a nurse at one of the busiest hospitals in Georgia for 4 years now. The number of people who already do not seek care because they can't afford it is disconcerting. The majority of these patients are uninsured because they cannot afford insurance. They are struggling with other costs of living without even taking health care costs into account. Yet somehow these patients do not qualify for Medicaid. I have seen medicaid help people in the hospital I work at. Georgians on Medicaid are generally more proactive about their health care and are less likely than an uninsured Georgian to wait until it's "too late" to address their health issues. That
being said, I have been shocked to learn how few of my patients actually have Medicaid.

We need full Medicaid expansion! Health care for everyone should be a basic human right.

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

Full Medicaid expansion would allow thousands of Georgians, many of them my own family and friends, to stop worrying about not being able to afford to simply see a doctor.. It would allow them to be more proactive about their health, thus reducing health care costs in the long run.

Do you oppose these changes to private insurance?

Oppose these changes

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

5dd5db020807da1e9076c0b4
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 had friends who were very low income but needed surgery to stay alive and Medicare paid for it.

Please tell us how these changes would impact you or people in your community.
More people would have Medicaid for less money than this crazy Republican proposal.

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

Oppose these changes

**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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GA

Zip Code
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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 would allow me to access healthcare without worry of spending unnecessary money. Would allow me to fully take care of myself

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

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.

people would have more access to healthcare allowing them to maintain their health

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

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 these changes

Please tell us how the private insurance marketplace or other ACA protections have helped you, your family, or your community.
Cancer survivor here. Without ACA protections I would be uninsured.

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

No insurance would be available to me.

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 these changes

Please tell us how the private insurance marketplace or other ACA protections have helped you, your family, or your community.
The ACA helped me get coverage when I lost my job and protected me when I started a new business

Please tell us how these changes would impact you or people in your community.
This would be disastrous to new businesses and small companies

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.

Medicaid (and Medicare) has helped to keep members of my extended family out of poverty.

Please tell us how these changes would impact you or people in your community.
Medicaid (and Medicare) has helped to keep members of my community out of poverty.

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

Oppose these changes

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

Again, the ACA has helped to keep my family members out of poverty

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

The ACA has helped to keep my community members out of poverty

**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

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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 this proposal

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

Not on Medicaid

Please tell us how these changes would impact you or people in your community.
Don't know

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

Oppose these changes

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

Don't subscribe to ACA

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

I don't know

**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**

5dd6da890807da5b3e30da7a
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 work with people with developmental disabilities. They depend on Medicaid to help them.

Please tell us how these changes would impact you or people in your community.
They would not be able to afford medical treatment or medicines.

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

Oppose these changes

**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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Cover Georgia Waiver Commentary

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Crawford

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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.

Medicare has kept my grandson alive. He has had [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. He is also on the [REDACTED]. We would be bankrupt I’d it were not for Medicaid.
Please tell us how these changes would impact you or people in your community.

It would hurt more than it would help the people if GA.

Do you oppose these changes to private insurance?

Oppose these changes

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

It has given my daughter access to healthcare she would otherwise not be able to afford.

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

My daughter would lose insurance 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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2019-11-21 14:19:59

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First Name

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Barton

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.

Our youngest child is adopted and when he first came to us he had some urgent medical needs which medicaid helped pay for. Also my in-laws are on a fixed income and would be lost without medicaid.
Please tell us how these changes would impact you or people in your community.

When we lift up the least of us, we all rise. Jesus would have supported universal health care!

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

Oppose these changes

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

they haven't. they suck

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

it would be a negative impact

**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**

5dd6e35f0807da6eb91029d6
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 with people with disabilities. Medicaid is essential for their health.

Please tell us how these changes would impact you or people in your community.
Many people with borderline cognitive disabilities do not qualify for Social Security Disability benefits. These people are often unemployed or marginally employed. They need Medicaid to maintain optimal health and functioning in the community.

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

Oppose these changes

**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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5dd6e4960807da71b508148b
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.

Keep rural hospitals open and more people covered

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

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

We got coverage for mother-in-law

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

5dd6e5200807da73b2291371
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 know many adults who qualify for Medicaid because they are blind or disabled. Unfortunately, low income adults with serious chronic health conditions like diabetes or heart disease remain uninsured in Georgia. I support full Medicaid expansion for this reason..
Please tell us how these changes would impact you or people in your community.

Requiring a 60 year-old low income adult with a [REDACTED] to pay a monthly premium and meet a work requirement to qualify for Medicaid under the new proposal will be a huge burden and serious barrier. I am a registered nurse who works with uninsured adults with diabetes. While residents of Fulton and DeKalb counties have access to health care and affordable medication through Grady, there are several thousand uninsured adults in Georgia with diabetes who do not. Uncontrolled diabetes causes kidney failure leading to dialysis, blindness and foot/leg amputations. These costly and debilitating complications are preventable when people with diabetes have health insurance and develop a relationship with a primary care provider.

Do you oppose these changes to private insurance?

Oppose these changes

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

To be completed.

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

To be completed.

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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City
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State
GA

Zip Code
[redacted]

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 do not have Medicaid but know if I ever needed it, the proposed plan will be virtually useless to me, someone who is unable to work reliably.

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

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

I have a plan through ACA that is everything i need and at an affordable price. I have many pre-existing conditions and I am not penalized for this. If these changes happen and I am no longer allowed to keep the plan I am on, with the subsidies I qualify for, then I may literally die.

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

The proposed changes may force me into a plan I cannot afford and that do not cover my issues and meet my needs. I would not know how to live.

**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**

5dd6356efe208267ce7c522f
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 is a national shame that we are the only developed country who allows families to be destroyed because of medical expenses. This has been the cause for many suicides and divorces as well. Any politician who claims to be pro-family and pro-life needs to support Medicaid for all who need it.
Do you oppose these changes to private insurance?

Oppose these changes

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

I was uninsured for seven years after my divorce until the ACA was created. I am so grateful that I can afford preventive care.

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

My father died at 31 and his sister at 60 from [REDACTED] and they were very skinny -- not the typical apple-shaped [REDACTED]. I am able to outlive them with proper 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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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.

My father struggled with [REDACTED] for twenty years until his death. The medication alone would have bankrupted us, not to mention doctor visits and hospital stays. Medicaid literally saved his life.
Please tell us how these changes would impact you or people in your community.

Allowing more medicaid to be available to lower income people will not only help the patients, but the entire community. Healthier people means a better workforce. More patients equals more need for hospitals and staff. As rural hospitals close all over the state, this should be thought of in economic terms as well.

Do you oppose these changes to private insurance?

Oppose these changes.

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

Almost everyone has or knows someone who has a pre-existing condition.

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

I have had three pregnancies and four skin cancers. Removing protections here would raise my premiums and possibly deny coverage.

Mental health issues affect everyone in the community and must be given top consideration.

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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Cover Georgia Waiver Commentary

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Pickering

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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 these changes

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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Cover Georgia Waiver Commentary

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Cooley

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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 this proposal

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

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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Submit Georgia Waiver Commentary

Submitted At
2019-11-21 09:29:01

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Willard

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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 these changes

Please tell us how these changes would impact you or people in your community.
A healthy Georgia is a better Georgia.

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

5dd69f2dfe208254503f3e3f
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 have no coverage and have not been able to see a doctor in ten years even though my health is not good. My son also can't get coverage and works full time at Kroger for 9 an hour.
Do you oppose these changes to private insurance?

Oppose these changes

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

5dd69fddfe208255127ee7f0
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 family has several members who cannot afford medical insurance and have illnesses that go unattended because of the lack of insurance. We need a plan that extends to all individuals.

Do you oppose these changes to private 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
5dd6a5170807da5dce748f39
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 social worker in managed care. Every day, I see the impact that Medicaid can have on individuals and families. It can quite literally be the difference between life and death, because if people do not have coverage, they will not get healthcare. Not only do I believe that Medicaid needs to be available to more people in need, but I believe our current waiver programs, such as Planning for Healthy Babies, don't cover
enough and need to provide more coverage in order to allow members to get preventive care and stay healthier and out of the hospital.

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

This directly impacts my job and my company. But more importantly, it affects thousands upon thousands of Georgia lives, even those who would not qualify for Medicaid. Georgia is in a healthcare crisis, especially for women and children. We are 48th in the nation in maternal mortality and 45th in infant mortality. In addition, while 2020 HEDIS recommendations have expanded the definition of timely postpartum follow-up to 14-84 days, Georgia's Right from the Start pregnancy Medicaid coverage ends at 60 days, leaving many new mothers without coverage before they are able to obtain postpartum follow-up and leaving them at risk. Women need affordable, accessible, available preventive primary care at all times if they are going to have healthy, planned pregnancies. The economic costs to mother, baby, family, and community are high without it. But preventive care is not just needed for women of childbearing age. When uninsured or underinsured individuals need care, it can be very challenging to get care in a low cost or free clinic. They are few and far between, it can be very difficult to get seen due to overwhelming volume, and the care is often minimal. As a result, many do not receive any preventive care and end up in the emergency room instead, facing huge bills they cannot pay. This is bad for the individual, the family, the hospital, and the community.

Do you oppose these changes to private insurance?

Oppose these changes

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

I know dozens of people who have the healthcare coverage they need because of the ACA, its protections, and its financial assistance.

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

If pre-existing or expensive conditions impacted our ability to get and keep health insurance, many of my friends and I would not have insurance at all, and my best friend's cancer would have killed him. Healthcare is more than a business. People's very lives depend on it. In addition, my company provides coverage under the ACA, so my livelihood depends upon it. The members we serve, many of whom are very sick, depend upon it. Putting caps on financial assistance, eliminating protections for pre-
existing conditions and for pregnancy, eliminating some or all behavioral healthcare coverage, and putting people into waiting lists will cost lives, because it means people will have to go without the healthcare they need. Basic health should not be a privilege. It should not be a luxury. If we are to have a healthy and well functioning society, we must value healthcare.

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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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.

As a nurse I have seen, first hand, how much Medicaid helps our patients get care. Medicaid is an important resource in our community to protect the health independence of your constituents . .

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

5dd069640807da76230e8093
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.

Don't have it... my kids need it.

Please tell us how these changes would impact you or people in your community.
Make us healthier...duh!

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

Need Medicare for all...period. no one should go without it. Not just access! We have that now.

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

Not at all

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

Be healthier ... get care when needed.

**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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Cover Georgia Waiver Commentary

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Alexander

Street Address
[Redacted]

City
[Redacted]

State
Georgia

Zip Code
[Redacted]

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

5dd1e2bcfe20822aff61907b
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.

Medicaid expansion means more Georgians have health care. Medicaid expansion alleviates cost burdens to Georgia taxpayers and its hospitals.

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
5dd2a5d00807da62492f4ab4
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 expansion creates more access which creates healthier communities.

Please tell us how these changes would impact you or people in your community.
Healthier communities are more economically stable and provide more opportunities for 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.

Providing mental health coverage is a must in any health care policy. We have a serious problem in our state with lack of access to proper mental health treatment. It should be covered at the same levels as insurance for physical health.

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

I live in a city where the median income is $39,000/year. Capping financial assistance to underresourced Georgians will prevent them from purchasing care, access care, along with impacting health outcomes and life expectancy.

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

5dd15a790807da06a016daa8
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.

Medicaid expansion means more Georgians have health care. Medicaid expansion elevates cost burdens to Georgia taxpayers and its hospitals.

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

5dd2a5d00807da62492f4ab4
Cover Georgia Waiver Commentary

Submitted At
2019-11-18 13:47:02

Email Address

First Name

Last Name
Bell

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've been fortunate enough to never have used Medicaid, but I have friends who could not afford thier own medical care or insurance and without Medicaid services they would not have been able to receive necessary medical care.
Please tell us how these changes would impact you or people in your community.

Providing Medicare for all would benefit me because I would not have to be dependant on my employer sponsored plan. If I leave my company I risk not being able to see the same medical provider team and losing records of my 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

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

Yes

Submission ID

5dd2e726fe20827a050588e4
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 allowed those of us with preexisting conditions to attain the healthcare we need to stay alive.

Please tell us how these changes would impact you or people in your community.
Without Medicaid expansions, my friends and family wouldn't be able to afford lifesaving coverage.

**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 need preexisting condition coverage and my extended family and I need the facts to make the best choices for our lives, not the biases of insurance companies.

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

A lack of information and regulation would hurt us 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

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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.

It supports the people who can’t afford to get into a real health insurance plan.

Please tell us how these changes would impact you or people in your community.
More people are able to go to a doctor when things go wrong.

**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.**

Covering preexisting conditions to still get insurance at a normal monthly fee.

**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 haven’t been help from Medicaid but my community would greatly benefit with full expansion. The cost is less then the Governors plan and it covers more Georgians.

Please tell us how these changes would impact you or people in your community.
Coverage would cover more Georgians with full 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.

They want Georgians to pay more for less,

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

You are basically taking from the poor to fatten the rich insurance companies packets

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.

The homeless low income families and disabled community needs assistance and full Medicaid expansion is needed for them. Critical to our well being as a community.

Please tell us how these changes would impact you or people in your community.
The proposed waiver is costly and does not cover a large enough population. It also allows for people to have skimpy coverage. Not a good proposal

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 insurance marketplace has provided coverage to many of my neighbors and their children who. Work for companies that don’t offer health insurance. The ACA protections have assured many of my neighbors and we should not weaken them.

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

Coverage would drop. The costs would go higher and insurance companies would not offer appropriate coverage. Not a good way to go.

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?

Medicare should not be limited to a tiny margin of Georgians, you have the elderly that can benefit from Medicare.

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

It has helped some community members that I know significantly.

Please tell us how these changes would impact you or people in your community.
It will impact the community significantly

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
5dd456960807da369d4c1c0f
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.

look, i just don't want my taxes to go up to pay for fewer people on insurance

Please tell us how these changes would impact you or people in your community.
it would not raise my taxes

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've been able to stay on my parents insurance, and I have a preexisting mental health condition. I want people like me to have affordable coverage

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

They would make mental health harder to attain for people

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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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 see Medicaid helping the kids with whom I work in a clinic

Please tell us how these changes would impact you or people in your community.
We have a fair number of poor people in Georgia, although I know that rural Georgia has more needs. Less care would negatively impact kids who don't get enough care as it is.

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

Oppose these changes

**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**

5ddc79defe208248fb05f3f6
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 is an immense help for those who live at or below poverty. I have plenty of graduate school friends who relied and continue to rely on Medicaid.

Please tell us how these changes would impact you or people in your community.
As a recent graduate with my Master's in Public Health in Health Policy, the downstream impacts of this type of Medicaid restriction will be disastrous and more costly to the state.

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

Oppose these changes

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

The healthcare system is already confusing enough for the general public, and by requiring consumers to shop for health insurance on websites outside of healthcare.gov this plan is adding to the general state level confusion and will lead to consumers paying higher rates and spending more time choosing a plan.

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

Almost every member of my family including myself could qualify for a pre-existing condition

**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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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 these changes

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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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.
It is impossible to expect "for profit" companies & corporations to act in the best interest of patients.

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

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

This is part of the metamorphosis of Jesus Christ from the humble servant of the poor to the symbol for prosperity theology, xenophobia, homophobia, denying science, and denying women control over their own bodies and destinies.

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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5ddcc4dffe20823ffe360329
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've retired from Publix health in Georgia. If anyone in this state has seen a need for full Medicaid expansion, it is those nurses on their front lines, our PH nurses. Please listen to them. And typo: the stories they could tell about citizens in need. In Gainesville we have a free clinic named by volunteer medical professionals just too keep up with those in need. Don't ignore the least of these.
Do you oppose these changes to private insurance?
Oppose these changes

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?
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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 these changes

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

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

I am already on a fixed income, barely able to maintain financial stability! I do not have the option of employment as an 83 yo, white, ex republican and will soon run out of items to sell. Is there a suicide option in this plan?
Do you oppose these changes to private insurance?

Oppose these changes

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

When government insurance is limited, private insurance may increase benefits initially, but will increase costs and restrictions without the government "competition"

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.

I have worked as a Medicaid provider in order to offer assistance to as many patients as possible. My children were also eligible for PeachCare when my earnings were over the poverty line but not nearly enough to ensure quality care of my family. The opportunity to receive this healthcare while a single, working mother optimized their overall wellbeing as well as their future.
Please tell us how these changes would impact you or people in your community.

The inability to access healthcare coverage, whether by changing the eligibility criteria or creating excessive, unnecessary difficulty in accessing benefits serves no one. How would a community benefit by not providing care for its members?

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

Oppose these changes

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

I have a preexisting condition and was able to access quality healthcare as an individual for the first time in 30+ years

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

Giving great power to a private entity leaves individuals vulnerable and at great risk of harm.

**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**

5dd38f4fe20820e4248e75f
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.

Health care for low income people helps Georgians in every community. As a social worker in Georgia for over 30 years, I have seen the damage done to our citizens by an indifferent legislature that chose, time and again, to deny them access to health care.
Please tell us how these changes would impact you or people in your community.

People can work, raise their families and enhance their communities when they are healthy.

Do you oppose these changes to private insurance?

Oppose these changes

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

Private insurance and the ACA have helped in other states. Georgians deserve this help.

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

Healthy people help grow Georgia.

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.

I am a public health practitioner and I work with people who are underinsured or uninsured. Healthcare is a human right and I have seen people get life saving healthcare because of Medicaid.

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

These changes would only slightly cover more people and cost more than a full Medicaid expansion. Other states have expanded Medicaid and have saved money.

Do you oppose these changes to private insurance?

Oppose these changes

Please tell us how the private insurance marketplace or other ACA protections have helped you, your family, or your community.
Private health insurance has saved my life. I live with pre-existing mental and physical ailments. Without this health insurance I would die. This is a life or death decision.

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

I would die. Full stop. Without mental health services my depression will kill me. Without physical health services my immunological disorder will kill 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

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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.

This insurance has been instrumental in many persons receiving the medical care. I don't think it is fair for kemp and state representative to have insurance that care for their health needs and others suffer.
Please tell us how these changes would impact you or people in your community.

People will suffer and die and this travesty will be on the hands of the politicians who really, don't give a damn about anyone buy themselves. It is unfortunate that crooks and bandits have taken or stolen political office, however, this too will pass and they must be held accountable.

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

Oppose these changes

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

Generally, employers provide insurance coverage, however, depending on the coverage it is generally inadequate. which is unfair. the entire systems requires changes with the consumer first, and insurance provider last.

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

As stated earlier people will suffer and insurance companies will gain .

**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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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 these changes

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 these changes

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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Bolster

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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 worked for fifteen years to solve problems with homelessness in Atlanta. I know from personal experience that access to quality health care is critical for people trying to overcome homelessness. People who are homeless because of limited marketable skills or behavioral health disorders will not benefit from the state's limited proposals. Most indeed will be excluded.
For a lifetime Georgians who were swept into the opioid epidemic will need medical 
care in order to live. Medicaid is needed to give these Georgians access to the costly 
treatment they will need. Under a full Medicaid expansion the state funds for this 
treatment get multiplied 10-fold and create a realistic system of care. Someone in 
state government ought to read Dopesick by Beth Macy to see why full Medicaid 
expansion is needed to fight the Pharma-created opioid epidemic. The legal settlement 
of civil suits will not be enough to restore the damage done. How many Georgians 
have lost their lives to this epidemic and how many more will die without full access to 
treatment? The Medicaid expansion should be connected to the strategies to fight the 
opiod epidemic.

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

This proposal is fiscally irresponsible. Helping 80,000 people in five years when you 
could simply and efficiently help 500,000 now is poor use of taxpayers' dollars.

I don't believe that the federal government will twist the match rules for Georgia 
alone. It has already decided this issue. Using the 68% match instead of a 9(%) match 
is a very bad business decision for a Governor elected on business principles.

Do you oppose these changes to private insurance?

Oppose these changes

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

My daughter is an artist with a very low income. She has three part-time jobs but 
would not have healthcare without the Affordable Care Act subsidy. The federal 
market place works efficiently for her. She does not need an insurance broker in 
between her and the market. She needs full insurance like everybody else and not a 
limited coverage plan that is likely to put her in financial difficulty.

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

Full coverage would insure coverage for homeless and disabled persons. The work 
requirement will exclude this population from coverage. Most of these citizens will not 
be able to keep up with the premium payment schedule unless it is once a year.

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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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.

income disparity is one of the highest in Ga.

the poor are struggling with a myriad of issues we cannot even imagine and denying or restricting their access to decent healthcare is inhumane and inexcusable.
Do you oppose these changes to private insurance?

Oppose these changes

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?

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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?

Support full Medicaid expansion

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

Giving my fellow citizens the means to stay healthy, keep working, and build independent lives makes for a thriving more prosperous state for all of us. This is not assistance, this is investment and the more Georgian we can invest in the better
Do you oppose these changes to private insurance?

Oppose these changes

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

Many state representatives in Georgia have refused to take action on gun control stating that this is a mental health problem. To increase the cost and reduce the availability of mental health coverage seems to belie that concern. I believe this plan would make this state less safe and reduce the quality of life and productivity of our 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?

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 not help my family personally but has assisted people that I know.

Do you oppose these changes to private insurance?

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

I am a veteran and too many of the people that would be substantially harmed by these changes such as the rules pertaining to mental health issues, no access to healthcare.gov, lack of access to Medicare/Medicaid is typical of what Republican administrations have been doing to Veterans and other needy people of Georgia since ACA was first passed. This is disgraceful!

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
5ddc582a0807da0e6331df3a
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.

The seniors and children have better care. Comfortable with the Doctors they choose. It helps not having worry about (what if my child or themselves get sick).

Please tell us how these changes would impact you or people in your community.
A slow form of genocide. The Seniors will die first, then the children. No one there to take care of them.

Parents working several minimum wage jobs just can afford to pay a premium and pay rent, utilities, clothing, food, etc.

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

Oppose these changes

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

Feeling safe and secure and a Human being, not just a number.

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

Fearful

**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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2019-11-25 15:12:44

Email Address

First Name

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Huff

Street Address

City

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.

Ga. needs a healthy workforce & population. ER treatment is not sufficient to address the needs of the people. We have one of the worse Infant & maternal Morbidity & Mortality. That is just wrong!
Please tell us how these changes would impact you or people in your community.

People are suffering & dying without access to healthcare. That is both a human cost as well as economic-- to our state!

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

Oppose these changes

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

The ACA stopped caps, covered pre-existing conditions among many other changes. The cost has not been addressed by a party that has spent its time repealing & now trying to destroy what little of the ACA that Trump has not destroyed. We spend twice as much as other countries & have far worse outcomes. Now ranked about 37th in advanced nations of the world.

**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.

Please don't let Gov. Kemp put poor Georgians at even greater risk than they now are.

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

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

He has resisted signing up for more expansive medicaid.

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

Please do not let Gov. Kemp put poor Georgians at even greater risk.

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

Last Name
Hitchcock

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.

Health insurance is necessary for people to live. Politicians must stop blocking people, especially our most vulnerable populations, from having access to healthcare.

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

These changes would make healthcare even more unaffordable than it already is.

Do you oppose these changes to private insurance?

Oppose these changes

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

Health insurance companies must be held accountable and prevented from artificially inflating costs. The marketplace and ACA regulations, while not perfect, help with this
immensely by forcing insurance companies to stop gouging their most at-risk customers. Health insurance is necessary for people to live. Politicians must stop giving preference to companies’ profits over people.

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

These changes would make health insurance even more unaffordable and inaccessible than it already is.

**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 these changes

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 these changes

Please tell us how these changes would impact you or people in your community.
Even making a fair income, mental health care is expensive. Already mental care is far more than physical. Please don't make it worse.

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 these changes

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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5ddc08540807da55b5130dee
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.

As a public health nurse, I experienced the many and varied health benefits of Medicaid to mothers and babies, many of the mothers immigrants. Every child deserves a healthy start, and every mother and father want that for their children.
Do you oppose these changes to private insurance?

Oppose these changes

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

Public support for the ACA is strong. Starting over with a private program will mean years of disruption without benefiting many Georgians who need 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

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5ddd0e21fe208243d5376396
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 expansion keeps my medical bills low by insuring low income families who cannot afford health care, who otherwise have to go to emergency rooms for their medical care, which gets paid for through higher medical bills for all of us.
Please tell us how these changes would impact you or people in your community.

These changes would miss an important opportunity to cover more people with less cost to the Georgia taxpayers like me.

Do you oppose these changes to private insurance?

Oppose these changes.

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

When I first moved back home, I was unemployed, and was able to get health insurance for my kids easily, until I got a job.

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

People with pre-existing conditions, which includes many people who did not have access to health coverage before, would again be left out of medical coverage, passing those expenses on to us. Private insurance companies cannot be trusted to make health decisions in the best interest of the customer if it challenges their bottom line.

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.

The two years I was on Medicaid, I got the best healthcare of my life for free. Everyone should have access to that exceptional level of care. I am at a higher income level now, and I look forward to paying more taxes to help my community get the care they need.

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

Everyone in my family needs special medical care. Paying astronomical medical bills
forces us to go without quality of life increasing care and medicine. It's terrible.

Do you oppose these changes to private insurance?

Oppose these changes

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

I want to have children. Without insurance, I can't even afford to give birth, much less afford to raise kids. ACA protections are the only way people like me can have families and still be in the middle class.

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 these changes

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

5ddc56650807da0928454cd7
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 Expansion will, save thousands of Georgians' lives ... what kind of evil politicians is KEMP ???

Please tell us how these changes would impact you or people in your community.
Thousands will DIE. !!!!!

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

Oppose these changes

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

ACA made Healthcare affordable

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

Thousand will NOT be able to afford healthcare and will DIE at the hands of Kemp and ALL the other evil Republicans ...shame on their cruelty.....they are MURDERERS !!! Medicaid Expansion is the only hope for poor Georgians to get healthcare ... How doe these politicians sleep at night ???

Do their children know other,children are dying because of,their fathers and grandfathers ????

God deliver US from these evil men !!!!!

**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.

Provided medical benefits to people who would not otherwise have them, including a friend of mine.

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

Fewer people would receive fewer benefits.

Do you oppose these changes to private insurance?

Oppose these changes

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

Provided coverage and medical benefits to many people who would not otherwise have had them.
Please tell us how these changes would impact you or people in your community.

Adversely.

May we contact you to hear more about your story?

No

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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.

The more people who are provided access to medical care, the healthier the entire community becomes.

Please tell us how these changes would impact you or people in your community.
Fewer people will have access to affordable health care and the Emergency Rooms of the local hospitals will be overwhelmed with more people.

Do you oppose these changes to private insurance?

Oppose

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

Second rate plans lead to second rate outcomes

May we contact you to hear more about your story?

Yes

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Yes

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Yes

Submission ID

5dd48c23fe20822d9112f174
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 son has been able to get the much needed therapies that he needed to make huge improvements to, not only his quality of life but the rest of our family as well.

Please tell us how these changes would impact you or people in your community.
These changes would provide much needed services to others that could improve their families quality of life.

**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 has given us more options when choosing healthcare providers.

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

Mental health Services are important to the community and if these services are not available then we run the risk of the consequences of people not having services that help them be productive members of society. Our community would most likely suffer as a whole.

**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?**

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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 know people that have fallen on hard times because of medical experiences people that worked and saved to have everything they worked for disappear and other that have a hard time paying for medications! This should go beyond party lines and expanding Medicaid to the legal federal limits helps all Georgians!
Please tell us how these changes would impact you or people in your community.

Expanding Medicaid helps Georgia, and everyone that calls Georgia home. When we help the ones that can afford private insurance, we can raise all! Then together we can focus our attention on other ways of make Georgia the best place to live (as I already believe)!

**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 cannot for all that is good or holy understand why anyone that cares about Georgia or the people that live in it would see that we are better off by helping more people get and keep insurance be the only way we win! How are we spending time and money on issues to roll back what has been clearly better than where we were, unless these measures are just away to line the pockets of politicians that care only about themselves and nothing about Georgians!

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

I can barely afford health insurance at the moment and I work 2 jobs. I can’t imagine what happens when private insurance companies get there way like these acts will allow!

**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.

Full Medicaid Expansion saves lives. ANYTHING less kills.

Please tell us how these changes would impact you or people in your community.
Full Medicaid Expansion is critical for quality of life in GA. We need 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.

I support full Medicaid Expansion.

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

Healthcare is a right, not a privilege. Healthcare for all.

May we contact you to hear more about your story?

Yes

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Yes

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Yes

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5dd49274fe2082364026ec56
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.

Keeps me from going further into debt. Every month $100 from Medicaid pays my insurance premium. I thank God for Medicaid.

Please tell us how these changes would impact you or people in your community.
We need hope that our government will be proactive
in helping citizens with our needs.

**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 am on a very low income, S.S. only.

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

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.

universal healthcare. #feelthebern

Please tell us how these changes would impact you or people in your community.
universal healthcare. #feelthebern

**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.**

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**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

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

I am a physician and see firsthand how much more expensive it is to prevent Medicaid expansion. I can only do so much once my patients reach me, and many of them are far sicker than they should be after years and decades of avoiding basic preventative care and routine maintenance that could have kept them healthier.
Please tell us how these changes would impact you or people in your community.

Avoiding expanding healthcare coverage for those least among us comes with both a societal, monetary, and ethical cost, and when we start thinking about healthcare as a basic human right rather than something that you need to earn, I will be able to do my job better.

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 key feature of health insurance is this: you may not know in advance when you need it, or what you may need it for. Not everyone is going to need every element of healthcare coverage, and not everyone is going to need to access every element at the same time, or even ever. But at some point, *everyone* is going to need to access *some* element of healthcare. We don’t get to pick and choose what or when or how. This is why hospitals are open 24/7, because we realize that certain services must be available to everyone at all times, no matter the hour, no matter the circumstances, no matter the ability to pay. Stripping away the ACA protections that eliminate coverage for essential services, or selling unknowing patients junk insurance plans that do not cover the full scope of their needs would simply not amount to healthcare coverage in this understanding. Furthermore, restricting our ability to provide the care that patients need violates the Hippocratic Oath, which, notably, makes no mention of restricting healthcare coverage based on pre-existing conditions or inadequate scope of insurance.

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 unmarried niece received prenatal health care under traditional Medicare

Please tell us how these changes would impact you or people in your community.
Full Medicare expansion would cost less than the proposed Medicare waiver and cover five times as many individuals.

**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 has provided comprehensive coverage for a full range of conditions.

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

Allowing stripped down plans will harm those who think they have health insurance but don’t.

**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.

My niece has cerebral palsy and had Medicaid that helped her receive necessary treatment and therapies.

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 am recovering from PTSD, and before the ACA I was denied health insurance several times. Knowing that I cannot be denied because of my pre-existing condition gives me a lot of peace of mind.

May we contact you to hear more about your story?

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.

It has saved many lives

Please tell us how these changes would impact you or people in your community.
It would make affording medical treatment a real possibility instead of a dream

**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.**

Keeps health insurance costs down

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

Keep many people from being able to afford health 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?**

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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

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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 haven't used it, but that doesn't mean that everyone shouldn't have it. Healthcare is a right and no one needs an anecdote to prove as much. Medicaid expansion and Medicare for all ought to be pursued in this state.
Please tell us how these changes would impact you or people in your community.

Making access to health care easier and more affordable enables each and every person to live without fear of crushing medical debt and obtain 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.

Private Insurance is built on greed, not on individuals and their needs.

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

Consolidating private control of health care will only make it harder for people to live without fear.

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.

My sister who is a child care worker does not make enough to purchase private insurance and her job does not provide it. This allows her and my nephew to be covered.
Please tell us how these changes would impact you or people in your community.

People deserve to have access to healthcare. ALL people should have this right. In the long run this is less expensive and less burdensome to the system, if people do not have to use the ER as healthcare.

Do you oppose these changes to private insurance?

Oppose

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

mental health is just as important as any health condition, pregnancy is considered a preexisting condition, this would be wrong to remove these requirements. Basic plans should require substantial increase to premiums for elections for preexisting conditions or mental health.

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?

The state and federal government should get out of medical care. It's not the role of government. Before govt involvement, health care was affordable and people were cared for. Otherwise I support Gov Kemp

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

People think they are receiving help but the costs rise because so much paperwork must be done and pay people to do that work rather than assisting them with medical care.
Please tell us how these changes would impact you or people in your community.

None of these will solve or help people.

Do you oppose these changes to private insurance?

Support

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

If the govt would get out of the insurance and medical care, costs would go down. The private marketplace will be competitive while providing care. Doctors and nurses will be free to do their jobs.

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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