

# Cover Georgia Waiver Commentary

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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.**

Many people il know have benefited from Medicaid and would not have been able to pay their rent etc, without it.

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

More people will be thrust into poverty than already exist

**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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# Cover Georgia Waiver Commentary

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

Support full Medicaid expansion

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

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

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

Nearly 500,000! Will be abandoned by the state of Georgia. The suicide rate will climb as will homelessness, unemployment and crime . Without treatment hundreds of thousands will be unable to thrive

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

Oppose

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

ACA has allowed access to more affordable mental healthcare.

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

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

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

Yes

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

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

Myself and any of my neighbors could find e  
themselves in need. Governor Kemp's proposal is neither adequate nor cost-effective .

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

Oppose

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

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

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

See above. Support Medicare for All.

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

No

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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

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

Support full Medicaid expansion

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

I live in a lower income area of Dekalb County where Medicaid is crucial to my community's health and hope for prosperity.

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

Georgia Legislators: Please vote for the 90% Federal Medicaid Option to save our rural hospitals and our workforce!

**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.**

Most of the people I know personally in Dekalb County have pre-existing conditions. The ACA protection of their right to healthcare has saved many families in my community from loss of jobs and from bankruptcy due to healthcare costs.

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

My community will experience a severe health and financial setback if these health care safety nets and protections are removed.

**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.**

I have personally known seniors who needed Medicaid to cover their nursing home expenses.

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

Too many Georgians remain needlessly uninsured. The Governor's plan does more harm than good by spending more money to cover fewer Georgians, despite the investment by the state of millions of taxpayer dollars on consultants and study committees to even produce these proposals.

**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 lost my job and was over 50, suddenly my options for healthcare insurance were incredibly limited. I was turned down by a provider I had had in the past, because of a \$5 prescription my doctor had prescribed for adrenal support, to OPTIMIZE my health under a stressful situation. Despite a letter from him to the insurance company saying I did NOT have Addison's Disease--nor did I have any chronic or life-threatening illnesses or issues; no diabetes, no heart/lung/liver, etc., issues, no cancer, no smoking, no high BP/cholesterol, or anything contraindicative of a healthy, robust approach to life--but obviously because some accountant/actuarial/data analyst somewhere used a code for whatever, I was turned down for the insurance for the coverage I wanted by the provider I was used to going to for the best pricing.

**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.**

I've not personally benefited from medicaid but do see it as something that helps those as less fortunate. It definitely has helped members of my own family.

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

I'm currently uninsured simply because it costs too much and thankfully, I'm very healthy, however, I would LOVE the peace of mind that comes with AFFORDABLE coverage. I'm not "poor enough" to qualify for any of the proposed, however, God forbid something does happen and I become one of those liabilities when instead with proactive solutions, I'll have a ready-made plan instead of chancing in, which is what I'm doing now.

**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.**

At first, ACA was "affordable" enough to help me keep up with my preventive care measures, however, it continues to skyrocket and I've "opted out"

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

I would continue to seek ways to avoid the healthcare industry altogether as it can't truly be trusted.

**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 these changes would impact you or people in your community.**

I am a firm believer in the state using money and resources to have the most impact when possible. When I talk to people who currently work and don't have employer-based health care, they worry everyday about the costs of getting sick and how to pay for medical care or prescriptions when they already struggle to make ends meet.

Medicaid expansion, through the ACA, has been available to Georgia for eight years and Georgia leaders have rejected this solution for merely political reasons. If leaders really wanted to solve the health care crisis in our state , we could have been leveraging every state dollar with nearly \$9 from the federal government for years now and 400,000 plus people could have access to doctors and health care the need and deserve. This waiver proposal to do a partial expansion with people under 100% FPL and work requirements doesn't maximize the federal program, nor does it, provide the most cost-effective option for Georgia. To spend more money to cover fewer people is not fiscally effective approach. Furthermore, work requirements create additional barriers for people who need care.

**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 have huge concerns about people not having access to healthcare.gov--a neutral intermediary for health care plans enrollment. Providing more flexibility with plans, may not maintain the high level of standards and coverage that ensure people have quality plans. We need to make sure that the market doesn't create sub-prime health benefit plans that leave consumers high and dry without care they desperately need.

**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.**

It would be a hardship for my household to afford premiums.

**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.**

These changes would severely affect the people who need care the most.

**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.**

Planning for Healthy Babies has strong essentials.

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

It would be better to have backup for emergencies and other health care needs even if they are not accessed.

**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 has been reasonably priced for the extensive options it offers though the premiums have gone up over the years. Would be good if they returned to previous levels.

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Georgia

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

Support full Medicaid expansion

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

Medicaid allows those who can't otherwise afford private medical coverage have access to medical coverage.

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

If more of the community qualified for Medicaid; more of the community would be productive, bettering us all and less likely to be a burden in other areas when they get sick or die leaving dependents.

**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.**

protections helped get the medical care my husband needed to fight his brain cancer without our family becoming financially bankrupted leaving us homeless and unable to pay our creditors

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

Lives and families would not be financially and emotionally destroyed

**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.**

Medicaid is the reason my father is still alive.

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

Basic access to Medicaid for the half million in GA who need it would have incredible benefits socially and morally.

**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.**

Mental health services should never be excluded from plans. The options for low cost coverage already neglect mental health services.

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

Limiting access to vital services will harm our elderly, our children, and everyone in between by placing undue strain on low and middle income families.

**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 older Republican parents love their Medicare.

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

I want to be able to purchase a Medicare option on healthcare.gov. I am a cash cow for the insurance companies, and would prefer my ACA tax credit to go to Medicare.

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

Oppose these changes

**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

**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.**

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

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**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.**

Medicaid has provided medical health insurance for those who would not have been covered. Medicaid has improved quality of life for persons qualified to receive health insurance under its plan.

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

The Kemp Medicaid waivers as it currently stands would eliminate coverage for approximately 500 thousand additional persons in Georgia. Without health insurance people living in my community suffer prematurely from diabetes, cardiovascular illnesses and infant and maternal mortality ... just to name a few.

**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 Marketplace has allowed for persons in my community to access affordable and quality healthcare.

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

The proposed waiver would eliminate provisions provided for that would provide for coverage for pre-existing health conditions, resulting in an increases in health disparities, increase in premature deaths and increase in emergency medical costs in my community.

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

Yes

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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

**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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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.**

Both of my children have stayed on our insurance and, when my daughter aged out, she was able to purchase her own insurance since she did not have an employee plan.

**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 these changes would impact you or people in your community.**

Today, too many Georgians remain needlessly uninsured. And the truth is that the Governor's plan does more harm than good by spending more money to cover fewer Georgians. That's after the state invested millions of taxpayer dollars on consultants and study committees to even produce these proposals.

**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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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 Medicaid has helped you, your family, or your community.**

I work both in the public school system in ga. and in the mental health field. Both in the school and in the mental health area the people I work with are usually the working poor who are either on medicaid or make too much for medicaid but too little to afford private insurance. Medicaid is the only way some of our students could have glasses or see the doctor. I have clients who have gone without medical treatment

because medicaid wouldn't cover a particular procedure.

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

Without Medicaid, many of our students and all of my clients would be without both medical and mental health services. Medical and mental health services should not be only for the wealthy. Many of our students are in families of the working poor. The parents are doing the best they can, but they cannot afford insurance, and, therefore, some of the medical and mental health services are not taken care of.

**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 my son first graduated from college and was working, he was able to obtain insurance from the private insurance marketplace before he became eligible for insurance through his company. He is ADHD, so he needed coverage so he could afford his medication.

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

People like my son would not be able to afford health 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.**

It has helped my parents who have disabilities to have healthcare coverage as well as family members who otherwise can't afford coverage.

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

This would only create more challenges for those struggling to get healthcare coverage.

**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.**

This allows people to shop for insurance via an unbiased source & helps to ensure those in need can have access to healthcare coverage.

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

Both of my parents have pre-existing conditions so, this would create even more barriers for them to get the care they need.

**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?**

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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 oppose the Medicaid waivers as currently written because they provide coverage for only a fraction of the Georgians who need it. Our rural hospitals are closing; the ones that remain open have severe financial challenges. If all Georgians had insurance coverage (Medicaid expansion), providers of emergency services would not be

straddled with providing so much uninsured care and our hospitals could survive financially while providing life-saving services so their patients could survive medically.

These waivers also go out of their way to appeal to a politically conservative base without regard to practical implications. For example, the waivers would require that Medicaid recipients pay premiums; if they could afford premiums, they would not need Medicaid. This plan creates barriers to coverage. By only expanding coverage to the poverty level, the waivers necessarily exclude folks who make more than the poverty level but not enough to purchase health insurance. The work-reporting requirements are onerous and will be difficult to manage and report.

The State of Georgia needs to finally and fully expand Medicaid coverage so that our citizens and hospitals can survive.

**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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# Cover Georgia Waiver Commentary

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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.**

Georgia's decision not to decline federal government funding to fully expand Medicaid is costing Georgian's their lives. Georgia already has the highest maternal mortality rate in the US and it is 3x higher for African American women. While pregnant women are eligible for Medicaid, it only lasts until 60 days after pregnancy, when we know that people are at a higher risk for maternal mortality in the year following birth, not to mention their new infants need insurance far beyond their first 60 days. By declining to fully expand Medicaid (and opting for this far smaller expansion), you will continue to heart traditionally vulnerable populations like women of color. We cannot afford to continue to have uninsured Georgians, especially when there is federal funding to support this expansion.

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

With full Medicaid expansion, approx. 500,000 Georgian's would gain access to health

insurance. This would allow us to make better decisions for our health and the health of our families, especially around preventative care.

**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.**

These changes could greatly impact our community. Mental health services are essential health services and must be covered the same as other physical health services. Growing up with a best friend with OCD, I observed first hand how mental health services can be life saving. Recently, I have seen her struggle to cover the high cost mental health services and even forgo care. Without this coverage, people's lives are put at risk and you hinder their ability to be contributing members of society.

**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.**

Medicaid saves lives, I know children that are healthy because of Medicaid.

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

Not expanding Medicaid is hurting Georgians daily, either their health or their finances.

**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.**

Having the security to work independently, or retire early, because I can get 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

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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 worked in healthcare before I retired . I have seen what happens to families and how they take care of their health and the health of their children when they do t "qualify" for Medicaid.

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

If the partial Medicaid expansion as put forth by Governor Kemp is put into law there i100's of thousands of people will be left uncovered . Full expansion of medicaid will increase the number of people that qualify and will greatly increase the healthcare that they get..which in turn will (among other things) make less non emergent visits to the ER which will save hospitals lots of money for indigent care and maybe keep rural hospitals from closing!

**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 son who was laid off of a job before the ACA came to be, had to go on a very expensive COBRA plan because we literally could not buy him a health insurance policy because he has a preexisting condition! He went on the ACA insurance as soon as it was available and did away with pre existing conditions and was able to better care for himself!

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

If the private insurance waiver put forth from the Governor it will be devastating! First it won't go into effect for a couple of years and then will allow insurance companies to stop covering (among other things) pre existing conditions. And then anything else they decide not to cover!

**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.**

I have a grandchild with a disability and Medicaid pays his medical bills which his parents' insurance does not cover. He is medically fragile and his medical bills have been substantial. This has truly helped him and the rest of his family. Further, after having worked as a welfare caseworker, I know how Medicaid has helped very poor families get the medical care they need to care for their families, and themselves, and

even when they make Georgia's terrible minimum wage, they can stay employed because they can maintain their health.

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

Georgia's minimum wage does not even match the US minimum wage. Too many Georgians do not make enough to afford to be able to work and pay for care for their children - - much less afford medical care for themselves or their children. Our rural hospitals desperately need Medicaid Expansion to stay open. Medicaid Expansion will help our economy as more people will be healthy enough to work and thus boost our consumer economy. It just makes sense.

**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 protections have meant that I can afford regular check-ups and no additional premiums due to my pre-existing conditions.

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

We never know what our health will be tomorrow. But because of increased costs for all the ACA requirements, we are tempted to hope we won't be in a car accident, and that we won't get a cancer diagnosis and thus pay lower premiums and then find we are not covered what what we really need.

**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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**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.**

Full Medicaid expansion is needed to ensure coverage in rural communities like Statham.

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

It would help more people have access to care... including some of my friends who are artists and are not able to get coverage currently

**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.**

Ensuring that the coverage my family has will cover our healthcare needs is important and this information should be maintained on a neutral government site and not through for profit insurance brokers.

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

I am positive it would increase for all Georgians and make it harder to access quality 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?**

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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 NOT! I can never qualify

**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?**

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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.**

Many people I know are low income and depends totally on Medicaid

**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 beat colon and kidney cancer. My BC BS insurance. paid everything

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

Loss of coverage or higher premium

**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 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 Medicaid has helped you, your family, or your community.**

It has helped tremendously

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

This changes would impact my family and my community and eve myself. We are tax payers making it check by check and some of my friends and family are disabled, and just making it through. It's important Georgia expands medicaid for all Georgia. We the people of Georgia contributors of the State deserve better regardless of how much we make. Let's do it for all.

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

I do not agree with limitations for healthcare at all. This should be a statewide right to have full coverage insurance we can all afford without breaking us or making us go hungry or die because we can't get the coverage we need or afford to even eat.

**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.**

My clients would be less able to access healthcare and receive mental 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

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# Cover Georgia Waiver Commentary

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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

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# Cover Georgia Waiver Commentary

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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 really want the Governor to know that my daughter, who is now full time in graduate school (MBA) & until now for a good few years had been earning a good living working up to her full potential, would have lost the ability to enunciate if such barriers to her getting Medicaid had been in place when she was a preteen and needed the surgeon to operate on her mouth, which created a stop at the back of her mouth so she could

enunciate again, an ability she was fast losing at the time.

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

My age is 72, and a 72-year-old friend of mine cannot get Medicare because her ex-husband did not pay into Medicare, although he told her he was (in his business where she worked). She has disability because of PTSD from her marriage. She will have no health care without access to Medicaid despite having had 2 falls in the last few years, each of which resulted in fractures. Her income is too low to pay premiums.

**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 would have never again been eligible for GYN care because of a negative outpatient endo biopsy, which was considered a pre-existing condition. Fortunately, when I turned 65, I got Medicare. I also know a family, both of whose sons are afflicted with bipolar disorder which impairs their ability to work long term. The older son has just been denied disability. They fear bankruptcy, etc.

**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?**

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

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

Medicaid (in Florida) saved my father's life, As he needed LTC, and could not afford it!

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

Medicaid must expand. We have a rapidly aging population, and most have NO LTC insurance (long term care!)

This is an emergency-level priority.

**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 love my insurance, though premiums are high. A loved one here in Georgia, was able to have cancer surgery, because of our private insurance. The ACA means he doesn't get tossed out, because of his "pre-existing" condition!

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

More folks covered equals healthier society!

**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?**

Oppose these changes

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

This will most certainly destroy healthcare

**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

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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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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

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

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# Cover Georgia Waiver Commentary

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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 this proposal

**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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**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 Medicaid has helped you, your family, or your community.**

It kept family members out of poverty

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

It kept community members 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.**

ACA has helped to provide affordable, worthwhile (not junk policies like previously) health insurance

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

We would be in the same undesirable position as before the ACA

**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?**

Not enough info on costs . Let's get some smart people in the room who care about Georgians to get the best the allotted money can buy.

**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.**

Lack of access to health care has obvious impacts. However we could do more if continuous efforts to implement roadblocks, and the associated expense incurred, was eliminated .

**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.**

Retired w private ins so i do not use aca benefits.

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

As usual Geogee opts for 2nd rate benefits and putting it's foot on the neck of citizens who need help. Why can't we be better and smarter than that? Whats really behind this?

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

No

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

Yes

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

Yes

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

Support full Medicaid expansion

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

It impacts my community when people are not covered and simple medical issues, become expensive debilitating issues, costing the government more

**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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# Cover Georgia Waiver Commentary

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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.**

Being able to go to the doctor is vital to good health. Living in a society with healthy people is good for everyone.

**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.**

Medicaid expansion is important for is to end the HIV epidemic in Georgia and to help the most underserved in our communities.

**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.**

Due to what

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

This would leaves one of my loved ones on a longer waiting list to get herself a kidney she is need of. Black women are disproportionately impacted my lupus and I would love for her insurance to cover more of her cost.

**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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# Cover Georgia Waiver Commentary

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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.**

It allowed a close friend to get insurance ,which was very needed

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

it would increase my daughters already high cost,low 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

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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 helps everyone. When anyone doesn't get the healthcare they need, we all are worse off.

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

Expanding Medicaid would help us all.

**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.**

Healthcare should never be deprived to anyone

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

Preventing potentially eligible people from receiving adequate healthcare is totally insensitive and basically wrong. How would you like to have your health coverage denied?

**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.**

It is fundamentally wrong.

**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 this proposal

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

Support 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

**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?**

Continue to allow Medicaid to assist those that can not assist themselves without premiums.

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

When my daughter was born she was on Medicaid and her medical and dental healthcare needs were met!

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

Only providing 10% of my community with assistance that millions need would be detrimental to so many .

**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.**

Money is an issue for all. Driving up cost for healthcare for people who can't afford it originally, will only cause more chaos in my community. My community depends on assistance in order to live the best quality of life possible.

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

This would impact my community by demolishing the hope of help in times of illness. How can my community afford to pay out of pocket when not enough money is going into it.

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

Yes

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

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

Support full Medicaid expansion

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

I have friends and family that rely on Medicare and would benefit from its expansion. It's wrong to make it more difficult when the expansion is available.

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

Making it more difficult for people to receive care is unChristian.

**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.**

Without the ACA, my husband and I wouldn't have been able to afford insurance due to prior conditions.

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

We and most of the people we know would not be able to afford healthcare.

**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.**

I have friends that Medicaid has helped survive traumatic accidents when no other medical was available. It should be available for all related accident victims as help is often years down the road with lawyers

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

They would be a huge safety net for people who are now falling thru the cracks and often dying

**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. Gov gives paths to healthcare that I consider unemployed by the insurance companies that I don't trust at all. We need oversight

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

Making it hard for the people most adversely affected by having no insurance is about as un American as you can get.

**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 these changes

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

When I was out of school after grad school ACA made healthcare affordable for me. Its way too expensive on the private marketplace.

**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.**

Medicaid has been very helpful to my mother-in-law. She and her husband worked all their lives, he for Sears and she for the local school district in a school lunchroom. They raised four children, lived frugally, and did the best they could to ensure they had the proper means to care for themselves late in life. But, even with the best of intentions - insurance and retirement, resources have not been enough to cover the

costs of a skilled-care facility. She had been living with a daughter until her Alzheimer's and diabetes made it too difficult for them to continue caring for her. Medicaid has made it possible for her to use what resources she does have to pay as much as she can with some assistance. She is in a safe place where her diabetes continues to be properly managed with staff who can address the changes occurring due to the Alzheimer's.

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

When individuals do not have the health coverage they need someone pays - that someone is me. Not only am I paying but paying more than is necessary, a waste of my tax dollars.

**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.**

The private insurance marketplace is in no way great and extremely difficult to navigate. I need an unbiased source of health insurance information to ensure the choices made for my family and me will be the best ones. It is doubtful this information would come from any insurance company.

**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 daughter works with many individuals needing mental healthcare and this won't fly. Let's take advantage of what the federal gov't is offering and cover as many people as possible, instead of trying to cut corners and make it as difficult for low income and underprivileged citizens to get help.

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

They would receive even less care than what they're getting now, which is a travesty in itself.

**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.**

People rely on healthcare.gov for medical insurance.

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

People rely on healthcare.gov for medical insurance. Scattering it all over the place and allowing the Payers to handle private insurance is an accident waiting to happen. The elderly and indigent populations are who will suffer the most, not to mention the confusion it will cause.

**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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# Cover Georgia Waiver Commentary

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Georgia

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

Support full Medicaid expansion

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

Are able to receive Medical Services and Programs will not be available to them if they wasn't covered.

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

My Family and My Community will SUFFER AND BE IN POOR 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

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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 helps our community by making us healthier. Being healthier increases productivity and quality of life. It's hard to over-estimate how important this is.

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

Expanding Medicaid would allow me to get health insurance for the first time since I worked in my former career as a laboratory technician in 2012. Thank goodness I am healthy, but like a lot of people, I'm one major illness or accident away from bankruptcy. We shouldn't have to live like this. Money is available from the federal government to provide healthcare for hardworking people like me -- take 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.**

The ACA has helped many people gain coverage for the first time, to keep their coverage, or has made their coverage better. It has been amazingly beneficial and we need to support it.

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

Letting companies offer substandard plans would help them profit off giving us worse care. Obviously that doesn't help us. It's a bad idea.

**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.**

It is imperative that we provide the maximum coverage available for the citizens of 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.**

The ACA has provided health care of friends that do not have the option to get health care through their work. Good policies must be available on the ACA and should include pre-existing conditions.

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

The health of so many people would negatively be impacted without the ACA as it was originally developed. As a nation we should care about all Americans and the availability of good healthcare programs.

**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 have Georgia friends who are parents of Downs Syndrome sons and daughter, born between 1988 and 1995. These young people have had two working parents, in loving homes, with health insurance from their jobs. But these Downs Syndrome young people, now adults, will NEVER be able you work a job, or do community service, or any of the "work requirements" required by Gov. Kemp's bill. They have been under

Medicaid all their lives, to provide for the medical support they need.

Also, many disabled children and adults are so impaired by their disabilities that employment, volunteerism, or community service is impossible. These Georgians must be covered by Medicaid, without conditions, so they may be supported in their homes or in group care homes.

**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.**

Firstly, these changes will not support complete coverage of preexisting conditions. This requirement of health insurance under the Affordable Care Act is key to most Georgians health care needs. Babies can be born with preexisting conditions. Parents could never afford to insure their children under cheap, under-care health insurance policies. Mental health care is essential for Georgians, without impediments. I have a grandson with bipolar. He has to have access to medications, daily, and has had to be hospitalized, in-patient adolescent mental health care facility for months at a time. It is criminal for Georgia and Gov. Kemp to remove any mental health coverage for Georgians. This is life and death for our family members and fellow Georgians.

**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 deal with children and families every day who rely on this vital service. It is cruel of Georgia to not fully expand Medicaid to serve as many people as possible.

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

There are many children who desperately need mental health services to deal with their severe emotional or behavioral problems. The earlier in their lives they receive these services, the better chance they have of becoming productive members of 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 lost all my savings because of having one of these substandard policies. When I got sick, it just did not cover enough. Now I am faced with never being able to retire.

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

The insurance companies only care about making money, and I feel we need to have public, objective sources of information about 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?**

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.**

Although I have very good Private insurance the accessibility to Health care should be given to all including expanding Medicaid.

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

This will impact those who must make life altering decisions to keep the dignity and self worth of human personality. Those who are most affected are black, brown, and yellow citizens that are the pillars of the American tapestry residing in Georgia.

**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?**

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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 the only insurance I have.

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

More people would qualify under a full expansion for Medicaid as allowed under federal law.

**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 Medicaid has helped you, your family, or your community.**

Many people in my community depend on Medicaid. All people deserve basic healthcare. As a community we are paying for it anyway by hospitals charging paying customers more, and by hospitals closures and more. We need to at least cover healthcare for all.

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

If people do not have access to quality healthcare, they cannot be productive citizens. They cannot try new jobs or start businesses. People die without healthcare.

**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.**

Mental health Care is extremely important to every community. We have a problem with anger, guns, bullying. Mental healthcare can work but it needs to be easy and free.

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

If we make it difficult for people "on the edge" to get mental health help, we will have more mass shootings, more domestic violence, more child abuse. Our community needs help. We do not need barriers like lines and limited coverage. We must make access easy and quick in order to have a healthy population.

**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.**

I'm unsure of who within my family or community uses Medicaid but availability to it is necessary as many people and families should be provided health care even when they cannot afford it for themselves. Healthcare is a basic human right.

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

Georgia is already doing people a disservice by even entertaining these changes. Thousands of people who are already experience or are at risk for many health related issues would suffer (or suffer more) if not given access to the programs that would help them, including Medicaid. It is wrong to deny people coverage or access to coverage.

**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'm not sure I have a complete or well thought out answer for this at this time.

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

Health care costs are already expensive and by providing unbiased information, consumers have a better way to shop for their coverage. It is wrong to deny people the ability to research and obtain coverage or access to 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?**

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

Support full Medicaid expansion

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

Medicaid has helped reduce cost of nursing home and elder care for my grandparents. It has and can be part of a safety net for all community residents who don't have the financial means to access basic services like health care.

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

My community will be healthier if all residents have access to needed health care, regardless of income. If everyone is able to maintain their health, it benefits all by reducing spread of disease, reducing burden on other public services, and generally increasing the overall quality of life in our 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.**

The ACA has increased the number of residents of my community who have health insurance.

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

These changes, if implemented, would reduce the number of people in my community who have adequate 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?**

Yes

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**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?**

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.**

I have three children currently using the mental health benefits in our plan. These visits are critical to their well being. Without coverage each visit would cost about \$175, with the coverage it's \$30. The proposed changes would be devastating to my family.

**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 these changes would impact you or people in your community.**

We live in rural with a lot hidden poverty. This a life and death situation residents.any

**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?**

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 a sister-in-law who has needed medicaid for health coverage.

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

The changes proposed would cause even more hardship than today's market for low-cost health insurance. The individuals and families that truly need the help would be cut off or made to wait. Health care should be a right not a privilege.

**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 friends who are small business owners and were able to get much better rates under ACA.

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

I believe there are a lot of low income, under-covered families that would be cut off completely and go without health care insurance - then would end up in emergency rooms when major health problems arise.

**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 work in health care. Medicaid helps people get the primary care they need to prevent more costly, wasteful hospital visits.

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

People would be able to get primary care and afford their prescriptions so that they got better rather than sicker. I just saw a patient who could not afford her albuterol for her asthma inhaler. Very sad.

**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 sometimes embarrassed to be from Georgia, and my family has been here for generations. We have some of the world's greatest health care institutions right here in Atlanta, yet we also have very high numbers for maternal mortality, HIV, and other preventable conditions. All our health care research institutions are telling us that good, consistent primary care can prevent costly and painful later hospital stays. That patient who is able to get hypertension medication regularly is a lot less likely to have a heart attack, stroke, or costly kidney disease requiring dialysis. Covering more people will ultimately lower our state's health care costs because these costly stays will be prevented.

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

Yes

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

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

Support full Medicaid expansion

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

As a Public Health Nurse, otherwise uninsured families have access to health care because of Medicaid. County Health Departments depend on Medicaid revenue to continue services.

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

Too many who could be Medicaid-eligible are uninsured. Some do not get preventive services and later have expensive consequences that require uncompensated hospital services.

**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.**

Uncovered services may result in expensive uncompensated consequences.

**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 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 Medicaid has helped you, your family, or your community.**

I have seen communities gain access to life saving health care through Medicaid.

**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?**

Yes

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

Yes

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# Cover Georgia Waiver Commentary

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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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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.**

Providing healthcare through primary care physicians is much more cost effective than treating the uninsured in hospital emergency rooms and also frees up emergency room resources for true emergency cases giving them more timely care.

Paying for care for a greater number of people through medicaid and other insurance programs reduces unpaid care right offs for rural and indigent care hospitals helping them remain financially viable.

**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 receive my health insurance with no subsidies through the ACA marketplace. Without that coverage, I could never afford a medication I need to stay alive that costs over \$3,000 per month at retail.

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

Without the ability to afford the life saving medication I need, I would die within 2 years.

**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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# Cover Georgia Waiver Commentary

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

I do not agree with the work requirement for adults whose income is below the FPL. Documenting work/volunteer/training hours will be too hard to implement. A waiver should be available to those with a signed doctor's certificate. If the work requirement stands in the court system, then care-giving should be a means to qualify.

**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.**

How can consumers make informed decisions when they must enroll in private health plans through broker websites or insurance company websites? The system of unbiased licensed application counselors who provide free help must remain.

**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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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 can cover many more people with better insurance than this scam proposal.

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

This proposal will not cover everyone in Georgia who can't afford insurance. Also, sick people may not be able to work or do community service. They should not be penalized further.

**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 insurance covers everything, unlike this plan for limited coverage.

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

These changes will still leave too many Georgians filing for bankruptcy if something catastrophic happens.

**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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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

**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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# Cover Georgia Waiver Commentary

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GA

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

I do NOT support this proposal

**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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Georgia

**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 Medicaid has helped you, your family, or your community.**

Families need Medicaid. My neighbors will be devastated if the proposal becomes law.

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

They simply will not be covered. They will fall through the cracks. This will end up costing more as people avoid treatment and become seriously ill.

**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 unable to obtain coverage prior to ACA. Although it is far too expensive at \$800+ per month, I do have coverage.

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

Without coverage people will avoid treatment and ultimately we will all pay more.

**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

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

a member of my family depends on traditional Medicaid and another on ACA .

Thank God for these programs that give them access to Their healthcare needs. One is disabled and the other works in an industry' that does not offer health care insurance. I consider every bit of tax money i pay going to these program s with it for my family and others in similar situations.

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

Not fully expanding Medicaid would put many on the program at risk for being without basic health care if they were in between jobs or lost their job. They would be forced to use the hospital emergency room which would cost taxpayers even more and who are already over burdened..

**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.**

helps a lot of people in our community

**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?**

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

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

A neighbor lost her job after an injury and was about to obtain insurance through Medicaid. She was able to keep her house and eventually her health returned.

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

I would love to see more people covered. I look at people in my neighborhood who have hourly wage jobs and are not covered under employer's plan or any subsidized plan because they do not make enough money. They work very hard and when they get ill it harms their entire family.

**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 youngest child who is disabled was off insurance until the ACA came into being. I was borrowing money from my very meager retirement plan to take her to the doctor and buy her medication.

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

I am very worried about the impact of hidden fees, unclear language, and more if plans are not ACA approved which would surely happen. I have family, friends, and neighbors who purchase their insurance through healthcare.gov and this could have devastating . I think it is a very risky proposition for Georgia to pull away from something that works and to build another system on top of that. I wholeheartedly oppose this idea. Georgians have been well served in being able to compare plans and make informed choices. There is no reason to change that. None.

**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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# Cover Georgia Waiver Commentary

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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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# Cover Georgia Waiver Commentary

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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.**

helped with care for disabled son

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

healthcare is a right

**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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# Cover Georgia Waiver Commentary

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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.**

Helped my grandchildren. Mothers who need medical coverage should have more than just gyn/ob. They need full care and dental to be able to work healthy and take care of their children!

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

People will be healthier with full coverage care. Less call outs from work and increase the economy of Georgia

**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 when provided properly funded and backed provided good coverage at an affordable price. It could have been better but if the GOP would have backed it better we would have a healthier Georgia & America

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

My daughter and her children would be sicker and she would not be able to work. She would then need help from my husbands limited income and we would not be able to support ourselves also

**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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# Cover Georgia Waiver Commentary

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

This plan doesn't seem to help all those in need. Also - I do Not support the requirement to pay premiums. Currently, Medicaid recipients do not pay premiums.

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

My Mother is retired and on a fixed income. She wouldn't be able to afford premiums or additional expenses.

**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 recently decided to stay home with our children . Since my Husband works for himself, our family was insured through my job. After leaving - we had to enroll in an independent plant. The initial search was nothing short of overwhelming. The plan I almost signed up with did cover what the agent claimed it did. Luckily - I did My research before signing up. I'm now on a plan covered by ACA. Due to my recent bout with Breast Cancer - covering pre-existing conditions is critical for me to continue care without concern of being left with large medical expenses.

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

The cost of individual plans will only increase! The confusion of what health plans work would only be more confusing as more health insurance companies flood the market.

**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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# Cover Georgia Waiver Commentary

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☐ **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.**

This proposal costs more and covers fewer. As a taxpayer and one who feels that Medicaid should be expanded so that individuals can stay out of the emergency room, get better help for their health, keep rural hospitals in the black and be a reasonable price, I oppose the Governor's plan which I feel would fulfill none of these objectives.

**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.**

Consumers should be able to shop for insurance on healthcare.gov rather than website run by insurance companies who are concerned with profit rather than 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

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

Yes

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# Cover Georgia Waiver Commentary

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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

**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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# Cover Georgia Waiver Commentary

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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 helps the growing diabetic population stay stable and productive members of their family rather than being hospitalized from unaffordable costs. Those near the poverty level that can't afford the inflated costs, for instance of insulin, have expensive hospitalizations. These people, when sick, require caregivers, instead of being at work.

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

Key to controlling chronic disease is to control behavior. So, counseling with less drugs, psychiatric care, and education such as Hamilton Nutrition Center in Dalton are making tremendous improvements in compliance and better self care, which is more cost effective. Must have these services available for the poor population, otherwise the taxpayer will be overburdened with catastrophic costs.

**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 has helped our community by keeping vulnerable populations under care, rather than high case mix population being noncompliant due to unaffordable costs, which shifts that cost of catastrophic care to taxpayers, and results in more closure of rural hospitals.

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

Costs would go up. The sick who can't afford care Don go away. They end up with late presentations of disease overburdening hospitals.

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

Yes

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

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

Support full Medicaid expansion

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

I live in a disadvantaged rural area, with limited access to health care facilities, plagued by poverty. Increasing health insurance coverage, supported by Medicaid, would alleviate stress and ill-health among my neighbors.

**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 was a lower-income person than I am now, I was able to access subsidies and health insurance through the ACA marketplace.

**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.**

My uncle has been helped with Medicaid. It had been a life saver to our family.

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

These changes wouldn't really help many people. By keeping the majority of the uninsured without insurance, it will make business in Georgia much less competitive with other states.

**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 ADHD and the mental health services have made it possible for my to be the best I can be at my job and excel in my career. Without it, I would not be the best employee I can be.

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

It would make it even more expensive for me to manage my ADHD. I would have to spend more of my hard earned money just to be able to keep being as good an employee as I currently am. That's more money going to big pharma and less going to spending in the local state economy.

**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.**

Medicaid is a lifeline for many people in my community. I work with too many people who can't afford health insurance and who use the ER as their first line of defense when they get sick or injured. This affects their ability to hold stable jobs, provide for their families, and escape poverty. Medicaid expansion is crucial to Georgia's success.

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

It would get more people into treatment for chronic conditions and help them live a better quality of life.

**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?**

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

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

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# Cover Georgia Waiver Commentary

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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.**

One of my oldest friends adopted 2 special needs children and without Medicaid she would not be able to handle all of their medical needs.

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

Without coverage my friends girls would not be thriving.

**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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# Cover Georgia Waiver Commentary

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

I have a pre-existing condition and was unable to obtain any kind of health coverage before the ACA unless it was offered by an employer but I work as a nanny so I have never had that option. The ACA while not perfect has been a lifesaver.

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

All of these changes to private insurance impact me and would make it harder and more expensive for me to have insurance. In what scenario do these proposals help anyone? As I said above, ACA is not perfect. I still pay a fairly high premium, my deductible is so high I can't really use the insurance I have but if you were to eliminate it completely so that I that I couldn't afford it or that I would no longer qualify, what happens when I get sick or god-forbid have an accident? I'm no longer able to work which means I'm not making money, which means I'm not paying taxes, I'm not buying anything and putting money back into the economy and I'm not contributing to society. In an effort to "stabilize costs" this proposal is really just creating a smaller, weaker safety net.

**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.**

It has protected my neighbors when they get sick!!

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

It would better help the people I interact with every day who can't afford 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.**

ACA protected me and my friends by keeping us under our parent's insurance u til we turned 26, and protected my friends and neighbors who needed affordable care

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

Private insurance is predatory and wants to wrong us for all it can take.

**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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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 these changes would impact you or people in your community.**

The work requirements would place a burden on people unable to work due to , for example, family caregiver responsibilities

**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.**

Non-qualified plans should be disallowed. They encourage people to gamble with their health and drive up costs for the better plans.

**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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GA

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

Support full Medicaid expansion

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

Every Georgian who has been healthier bc of Medicaid has made this state better and their families have been able to use their own resources for better lives: this all contributes to the community a n which I'm raising my family. Also, the many residents of Lutheran Towers in midtown ATL add immeasurably to the community of my beloved church -- most of them rely on Medicare.

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

I'm blessed with two bright, engaged kids. Keeping them in GA for college and to establish their adult lives will benefit not just my mama's heart but our community. But their economic opportunity and their interest in staying here will drop if this state institutes such regressive policies.

**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.**

Healthier community -- stronger community -- better lives even for those of us already privileged

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

Same as above. Why on Earth would young people with options stay somewhere that a health crisis could financially ruin 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?**

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# Cover Georgia Waiver Commentary

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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?**

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 these changes

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

access to health care

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

decrease access to health care

**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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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 am lucky to have health insurance through my employer. but if i were to lose my job for any reason i would need to or i might need to have Medicaid. It is an important safety net for our community. It is important to me and I VOTE!

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

On a very basic level , when I see the goverment being fiscally irresponsible by not taking federal dollars for health care that we are entitled to... makes me lose trust in our state leadership. .

**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 several neighbors who are selfemployed and if not for ACA they would not have any health coverage

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

I am especally upset about the potentail reduction in mental health coverage. It is shortsighted to not see that providing mental health serices as bas ic health services, is a slippery slope thaat can lead to more homeless people , more people in prison and more people suffering needlessly, more suicides.... THERE IS NO HEALTH WITHOUT MENTAL HEALTH!

**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

**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 would not have been insured since 2014 if it were not for ACA. In that time I had an emergency appendectomy and knee replacement. I cannot afford insurance for myself and my husband without a subsidy. I have had medical debt in the past that took many years to pay off and that was because I was able to show the hospital what I earned. They reduced the bill by 20,000.00 and it still took 7 years to pay off the remainder.

**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 have never needed medicaid, but no one should be without medical coverage. This is a basic human right in a 1st world country.

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

Underprivileged families will have access to healthcare without having to go to the Emergency room. They will have access to birth control and preventative care.

**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

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

Medicaid is needed to help those among us who are 'working poor', as well as those who have briefly fallen on hard times. I was never 'poor enough' to qualify for medicaid in my 20s so I went without healthcare for over a decade. I was a lucky person not to need it then, but not everyone is going to be lucky.

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

We should all strive to lift up those who need a hand, not kick them down because of a "I have mine, you should get yours" mentality. Good people, and good Christians, should 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.**

Many of my friends have to work multiple jobs to get by, and none offer enough hours to give them access to health insurance. The ACA has allowed most to finally have insurance for their families. This is essential in a free and democratic society.

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

I honestly don't understand how the richest and most powerful of our leaders feel they have to take away something so basic as health insurance from our people!? These changes are merely to line the pockets of the insurance companies and their shareholders. Shame on 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

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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 husband's son's family is desperately poor - they have expensive health issues and need all the support they can get

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

It only makes sense to do all we can to maintain a healthy community- when people don't have healthcare, they end up in expensive emergency rooms, while many conditions could have been treated and managed at much lower cost with regular healthcare.

**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.**

We can't trust insurance companies to put people over profits. Any cuts to mental health coverage can lead to crime and suicide. Bottom line: these proposed changes pay for tax cuts for the rich, which are anti-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?**

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**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?**

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.**

It hasn't yet

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

At some point in the not so distant future I will no longer be in a financial position to continue having private health insurance through Delta Airline Lines which I have had for my whole life, 32 years. If for some reason I am not able to obtain insurance through Medicaid I will be in big trouble.

**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 been insured through a private insurer for my entire life, and for the most part it has been excellent.

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

The vast majority of my insurance needs are for mental health services, not physical, so if that was to be eliminated it would almost be as bad for me as having no insurance at all.

**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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# Cover Georgia Waiver Commentary

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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.**

Getting treatment, medical care

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

I just lost the love of my life. He couldn't afford health insurance, and contrary to what is touted ER care is not an alternative. I'm angry that someone I loved died because Georgia elected officials do NOT 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 are about profits above care. They are outrageously overpriced, and they are a con.

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

Well, you have essentially killed the love of my life with your greed.

**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.**

A healthy community helps everyone. I have been committed to community mental health as a mental health practitioner and I see the effects on health and mental health, of those who do not have access to adequate or even basic care. Let's not live in a community where parents have to choose between feeding their kids, putting gas in the car, or paying for amoxicillin next time someone in their family gets strep.

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

My community is a thriving cross section of people with different jobs, different innate abilities, and different needs. I have a stronger community when those around me are healthy and secure.

**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.**

In my private practice, I see individuals with private marketplace and ACA plans. I see them benefit from receiving healthcare that is affordable, and I see them struggle when healthcare decisions must be made based on insurance company caps or the threat of losing coverage. We all see how individuals and their communities suffer when adequate access to mental healthcare is not available.

**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.**

My Primary health care insurance

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

Medical 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.**

Georgia Medicare

**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?**

Yes

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

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

Support full Medicaid expansion

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

It helped my father with nursing home care. It is invaluable to the many low income people in Gwinnett who do not qualify for or have other health insurance options.

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

Allowing full expansion would cover tens of thousands of people in Gwinnett that will reduce costs from emergency room visits that get passed on to patients with health insurance through higher costs, it helps rural hospitals provide care and provides better healthcare outcomes (and less costly outcomes) for patients than for patients who are low income and have no other insurance and cannot afford to purchase private healthcare insurance.

**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 adult son has a preexisting condition that would largely prevent him from getting private health insurance if preexisting coverage protections were removed. It also enables him to currently purchase insurance he can afford with subsidies. Eliminating those would mean he would not have insurance.

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

I assume my facilities situation is similar to those of many and the ability to get quality affordable insurance is important and should not be taken away.

**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.**

As a design educator, I had conversations with many students about their goals to become self employed. Fears about lacking health care coverage loomed large in their decisions to start new businesses. I've kept up with many after graduation, and have been frustrated how frequently they been unable to overcome this hurdle. One shouldn't have to inherit from parents to open a small design shop.

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

Small businesses are the growth engine of Georgia's economy, and it is cut short for too many hard working, talented young people. Insufficient medical coverage undercuts prosperity.

**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.**

Mental health coverage helps people stay employed, productive, and out of institutions. Investing in mental health has huge payouts for the state, which already pays dearly to incarcerate many who didn't get mental health care when they needed it.

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

Many Georgians simply won't get mental health care if it's too expensive. Counseling and psychiatric help are already heavily stigmatized, and insurers shouldn't be allowed to treat it differently than other health problems.

**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.**

Receive life saving HIV medications through the program

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

Many people would loose healthcare coverage or medications

**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.**

extended family have been able to receive healthcare through the ACA

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

might loose some of the coverage or financial help

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

Yes

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