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7 Experts Available for Timely Analysis on Proposed Medicaid Changes

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Now that the House of Representatives has passed their "Big Beautiful Bill," there is a lot to make sense of in this massive piece of legislation. The latest version contains a variety of changes to Medicaid, including expanded work requirements and financial incentives for states that choose not to expand Medicaid coverage to certain low-income populations, among other provisions. For reporters covering the proposed changes to Medicaid in the bill and their potential impact, the following experts are available for comment:

JAKE HASELSWERDT

University of Missouri-Columbia



Haselswerdt studies health and social policy with a particular focus on Medicaid and the Affordable Care Act.

PAMELA HERD

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Herd's research focuses on administrative burden, or the bureaucratic obstacles that people encounter when trying to access government benefits, services, and rights.

CHRIS HOWARD

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Howard is one of the country's leading experts on the history and politics of U.S. social policy. His most recent book is *Who Cares: The Social Safety Net in America* (Oxford University Press, 2023).

NICOLE HUBERFELD

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Huberfeld's research focuses on the intersection of health law and constitutional law, often studying law as a structural determinant of health. She frequently publishes on federalism in health care, which includes topics within health reform, Medicaid, and the post-Dobbs reproductive health landscape.

PHIL ROCCO

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Rocco's research examines the intersection between federalism, the policymaking process, and the political economy of policy expertise. He is author of *Obamacare Wars: Federalism, State Politics, and the Affordable Care Act* (University Press of Kansas, 2016).

MICHAEL SHEPHERD

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Shepherd's research focuses on health policy in the U.S.; rural health disparities; and rural politics. Shepherd has published on the role of Medicaid in shaping rural health, the effects of rural hospital closures on rural communities, and public opinion regarding Medicaid, the ACA, and American health policy more broadly.

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Yaver's forthcoming book, *Coverage Denied: How Health Insurers Drive Inequality in the United States* (Cambridge University Press 2026) examines health insurance barriers and resulting health and economic inequities, and her related projects lie at the intersection of health insurance, administrative burden, and equity.