



Petition to Expand Medicaid Funding for Home and Community Services

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White House Petition

Greetings!

With similar goals to the Medicaid Matters Rally, Colleen T. of Coopersburg, PA has filed a White House petition to Reduce costs by Expanding Medicaid Funding for Home and Community Based Care for People with Disabilities and Seniors. The deadline for signatures is October 28. Please sign this [White House Petition](#) and bring this important issue to the attention of the president.

Below is the text of the petition.

- Expand Medicaid funding for community-based care, which is the preferred, less costly and more beneficial service delivery model for meeting the needs of people with disabilities and seniors.
- Necessary cuts should be made to wasteful spending on institutional settings instead.
- End the funding bias that forces people with disabilities into institutional settings and nursing homes, making them give up their freedom to get the assistance they need to live.
- Stop waiting lists for services that threaten lives and leads to negative costly outcomes.
- Support people to live, work, and participate in the community rather than in an institution.
- The measure of a country's greatness should be based on how well it cares for its most vulnerable populations" ~ Mahatma Gandhi ~

What are White House Petitions? For the first time in history, the White House has developed an online tool enabling any individual to petition the government. Each new petition will be posted for 30 days. 5000 signatures are needed for the petition to be reviewed by the presidential staff. Visit the [White House website](#) to learn more about the process, to sign up, and to sign and create your own petitions.

How do I sign this petition? To sign a petition, (or to create your own petition) you will need to have an account with [whitehouse.gov](#) by providing your first and last name, email address and zip code. Once you've created an account, you can sign the [Medicaid petition](#).

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