

# Talking Points:

## Save Medicaid and SNAP



Our Jewish tradition commands us time and again to care for those who are in need. *Tzedakah*, our collective responsibility to support the most vulnerable, informs our advocacy for Medicaid and the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), essential lifelines for women, children, and families.

### Medicaid

- Medicaid is the country's single largest health insurer and one of the most cost-efficient forms of health coverage, serving 72 million low-income individuals, families, children, and people with disabilities.
- One in five women of reproductive age use Medicaid for health care coverage and two-thirds of women enrolled in Medicaid are of reproductive age.
- Medicaid covers vital reproductive health care services like STI testing, cancer screenings, birth control, and fertility treatments, covering 40% of all births and 75% of family planning services.
- Judaism is clear about our responsibility to ensure health care for all people, as preserving life (*pikuach nefesh*) overrides almost all other obligations.
- **Cuts to Medicaid, including efforts to defund Planned Parenthood, would harm millions of the most vulnerable people in our communities and disproportionately impact women. Congress must reject any proposal to cut or limit access to Medicaid.**

### Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)

- SNAP is our nation's most effective and important tool to fight hunger, feeding 42 million Americans each month, including one in five children.
- Proposed cuts to SNAP would disproportionately harm women, who make up six in 10 SNAP recipients, impacting their ability to afford food and support their families.
- SNAP boosts the economy, reduces health care costs, and fulfills a hunger gap that the charitable sector and emergency food programs cannot meet.
- Cutting SNAP hurts the farmers who grow our food and the workers in our food supply chain.
- **Without SNAP, millions of kids will go hungry. Congress must reject proposals to cut or limit access to this essential program.**