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Medicaid Myths: Debunking Common Misconceptions of the Medicaid Program

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Noon — 1:15 p.m.
Rayburn 2322
Lunch to be provided at 11:45 a.m.

More than 65 million Americans are enrolled in Medicaid, including children, the elderly, the disabled, and pregnant women. Under the Affordable Care Act, a majority of states have also chosen to expand Medicaid to low-income adults. Research shows that Medicaid expansion has led to increased access to care, expansion of health coverage, and improved health for beneficiaries.

Because so many millions of Americans benefit from the program, it's important to understand what Medicaid is and how it benefits our communities. This briefing will address commonly held misconceptions about the Medicaid program, with a special focus on the different populations who benefit from this critical safety-net program. Specifically, panelists will debunk the following "Medicaid myths":

MYTH: It's better to be uninsured than be on Medicaid.

MYTH: Medicaid recipients don't work.

MYTH: Medicaid is only for low-income adults.

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