

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

RESOLUTION NO. 05-189

Opposing Cuts to Medicaid or Other Federal Social Service Programs

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Finds:

- a. Medicaid became law in 1965 as a cooperative venture jointly funded by the Federal and State governments to assist states in furnishing medical assistance to eligible people in need.
- b. Medicaid is the largest source of funding for medical and health-related services for America's most vulnerable people.
- c. Medicaid funds provide Multnomah County clients with such services as alcohol and drug treatment, assistance for the elderly and people with disabilities, immunizations, early childhood education and learning support programs, prenatal care, home visits by nurses to families with newborns, mental health services, support services to prevent and resolve homelessness, premedical and dental clinics for low-income and uninsured patients and Federally qualified health-center (FQHC) services.
- d. One of the legislative proposals Congress is currently developing includes a provision allowing states to eliminate Medicaid coverage for FQHC services.
- e. Indiscriminately cutting federal programs that provide basic health care and social services to the poor, elderly, and children is bad fiscal policy and insensitive to our most vulnerable citizens.

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Resolves:

1. Multnomah County is opposed to cuts to Medicaid or other basic federal safety net services programs for people of need.
2. The Multnomah County Commission appreciates United States Senators Gordon Smith and Ron Wyden for their bipartisan support for people in need of our federal social service programs.

ADOPTED this 3rd day of November 2005.



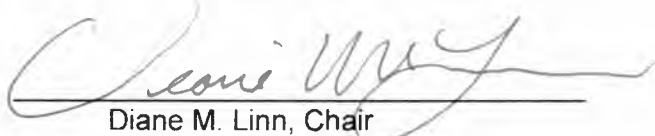
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