



COVER GEORGIA

The Peach State is in Peril!

It's time for Georgians to become health care heroes and save the day!



Georgia's Governor recently announced two plans that will change Georgia's health care landscape in significant ways. These plans may impact how you, your friends and family, and Georgians all across the state access and pay for health care. One plan will change Georgia's Medicaid program and the other will change how private insurance works in the state. The plans proposed will not work for Georgia families and consumers, putting their health and finances at risk.

State leaders are required to ask the public what they think about their plans. This is your chance to tell state leaders how their plans will affect you, your loved ones, and Georgians across the state. We need you to step up and become a health care hero by telling state officials what you think!

Here's three ways how you can save the day!

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Visit CoverGA.org today to comment! Don't know what to say? Don't worry! Our comment form makes it easy. The public comment period closes on Tuesday, December 3rd, 2019. Speak up today!

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Tell your friends and family about what these changes could mean for them. Ask them to comment! Check out coverGA.org/news for helpful tips on how to talk about the Governor's health care plans.

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Attend an in-person public comment meeting! RSVP for any of the meetings below at coverGa.org/category/event/

Thursday, Nov. 7

1115 Waiver: 9:00am
1332 Waiver: 1:00pm

Mercer University School of Medicine
- Savannah Campus Hoskins Center
for Biomedical Research
1250 East 66th Street
Savannah, GA 31404

Wednesday Nov. 13

1115 Waiver: 9:00am
1332 Waiver: 1:00pm

Mercer University School of
Medicine - Macon Campus
Mercer Auditorium
1550 College Street
Macon GA 31207

Thursday Nov. 14

1115 Waiver: 9:00am
1332 Waiver: 1:00pm

Southern Regional Technical College
The Charles H. Kirbo Regional
Center, Dining Room 112
2500 East Shotwell Street
Bainbridge, Georgia 39819

Monday, Nov. 18

1115 Waiver: 9:00am
1332 Waiver: 1:00pm

Gainesville Civic Center
Chattahoochee Room
830 Green Street
Gainesville, Georgia 30501

Thursday Nov. 21

1115 Waiver: 9:00am
1332 Waiver: 1:00pm

West-Rome Baptist Church
The Well Building
914 Shorter Avenue
Rome, Georgia 30165

Friday Nov. 22

1115 Waiver: 10:00am
1332 Waiver: 2:00pm

North Cobb Regional Library
Multi-Purpose Room
3535 Old 41 HWY
Kennesaw, Georgia 30144



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BE A HEALTHCARE HERO!!

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

GEORGIA MEDICAID 1115 WAIVER

- Allows adults with incomes below the poverty line (about \$12,000 a year for an individual or \$26,000 for a family of four) to enroll in Medicaid
- Requires people to complete paperwork each month about their work hours, school, or volunteer hours. If they don't file the paperwork, they are kicked off coverage
- Requires people to pay premiums to the State. If they fail to pay premiums for 3 months, they are kicked off of coverage.

Bottom line: Instead of taking the best deal available and expanding Medicaid to cover all low-income Georgians, Georgia leaders are leaving money on the table and pursuing a complicated plan that makes it hard for low-income Georgians to get covered and stay covered.

PRIVATE INSURANCE 1332 WAIVER

- Dismantles **healthcare.gov** and requires Georgians to buy health insurance from private insurance broker websites
- Allows Georgia consumers to use financial assistance purchase health plans that don't follow the rules of the Affordable Care Act.
- Caps the amount of financial assistance available for low- and middle-income consumers, which could mean some eligible Georgians do not get help buying their coverage.
- Eliminates the requirement that insurers cover mental health care just as they would physical health care

Bottom line: These changes turn back the clock for Georgia consumers. The plan undermines protections for people with pre-existing conditions (including those with mental health disorders), makes it harder for people to shop for comprehensive coverage, and limits the amount of financial assistance available to Georgians to help lower their costs.

Now is the time for you to stand up and be a **Georgia Hero!** State leaders are required to take comments from the public about their plans. This is your chance to tell Governor Kemp how these plans will affect you, your loved ones, and Georgians across the state.

[Go to coverga.org to learn more and take action!](https://coverga.org)