



Advocacy Timeline: Opposing Restrictive Medicaid Waivers

Before Any Waiver Starts

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GET READY

Assume your state is going to ask for a waiver. Organize early to fight it.

- *As of April 2018, 18 states had or were actively pursuing restrictive Medicaid waivers and the list continues to grow.*
- *Keep building public support for Medicaid with personal stories and community leaders' statements.*

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ACTIVATE YOUR COALITION

When decisionmakers start mentioning ideas like work mandates, time limits or coverage lockouts, activate your coalition. Fight it at the legislative or executive level.

- *Organized opposition killed a Colorado Medicaid work mandate proposal in the state legislature.*
- *It is easier to change proposals before they become part of the law, or before a waiver is out for comment.*

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PARTICIPATE IN COMMENT PERIODS

Generate a large number of state and federal comments.

- *Volume matters. More comments show state legislators that their efforts to restrict Medicaid are being noticed and build a federal administrative record that can support future lawsuits.*

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IT'S NOT OVER

Even if a waiver gets approved—it's not over. Don't forget that at any time waivers can be changed.

- *When Pennsylvania elected a new governor, he rescinded the state's restrictive Medicaid waiver and implemented a straight Medicaid expansion.*