



**Capitol Hill Washington, DC
September 21st at Noon**

In the discussions about the deficit and need to control federal spending, the conversation has almost solely focused on the cost of Medicaid. In the general public, few people understand what Medicaid is or the impact that this federal funding stream has on the lives of people with disabilities, seniors, their families and those that work to support them.

Disability, aging and civil rights organizations have banded together to organize a national rally on Capitol Hill to show Congress that **My Medicaid Matters!** This rally will highlight that:

- Medicaid provides vital home and community-based services that allow seniors and younger people with disabilities to live independently in the community.
- Medicaid provides services that support families in caring for their children who have significant disabilities.
- Medicaid provides vital jobs for direct care workers who support their families.

Arbitrary cuts to Medicaid will result in the loss of home and community-based services that allow people to live independently, reductions in medical care as well as lost jobs of direct care workers. The rally will begin at noon on September 21st and will kick off organizing efforts in all 50 states to show that **My Medicaid Matters!**

Current Rally Sponsors

- ADAPT
- American Association of People with Disabilities
- The Association of Programs for Rural Independent Living
- The Autistic Self Advocacy Network
- The Caring Across Generation Campaign
- Coalition for Community Integration
- Easter Seals
- Hand in Hand: The Domestic Employers Association
- Jews for Racial and Economic Justice
- The Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights
- National Council on Independent Living
- National Disability Rights Network
- Not Dead Yet
- Self Advocates Becoming Empowered
- Service Employees International Union
- United Cerebral Palsy
- United Spinal Association

How Your Organization Can Help

Join us! Rally organizers are looking for other national organizations that are willing to cosponsor the rally. This is a non-monetary sponsorship, but sponsors lend their name to the organization, promote the event and help organize turnout from their constituencies. There are also opportunities for monetary sponsorship. To become a sponsoring organization, contact Bruce Darling at BDarling@cdrnys.org.

Additional Information

For more information about the rally go to: <http://ly.adapt.org/rally>