

Opposing Cuts to Medicaid, Medicare, and Social Security

Resolution #2025.16

WHEREAS, the Trump Administration and Republicans in Congress are attacking Medicaid, Social Security, and Medicare through severe cuts in funding, the firing of critical staff, attacks on the administration of these programs, and their privatization; and,

WHEREAS, these three programs are foundational to the lives of not only union members, but all working people, children, and seniors; and,

WHEREAS, these attacks are designed to fund tax breaks for wealthy individuals and corporations in our country, to increase corporate profits and to undermine the functioning of these federal programs; and,

WHEREAS, the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services is planning to expand the use of prior authorization in the Original Medicare program by contracting with private companies to administer prior authorization and compensating these companies based on how many medical procedures or services are denied; now therefore, be it,

RESOLVED, that the Labor Movement in Washington will participate in the fight to stop the cuts to Medicaid, Medicare, and Social Security and the additional attacks on these two programs; and be it further,

RESOLVED, that the Labor Movement in Washington will participate in the fight to halt the privatization of Medicare by supporting leveling the playing field between Traditional Medicare and Medicare Advantage; and be it further,

RESOLVED, that the Washington State Labor Council will send a letter to the state's Congressional delegation urging them to oppose all cuts in Medicaid, Medicare, and Social Security, the firing of workers and attacks on the administration of the Social Security the proposed expansion of prior authorization and private profiteering in the Medicare program, and the proposed expansion of private insurance in the Medicare program; and be it finally,

RESOLVED, that the Washington State Labor Council and its affiliates will help educate their members about the dangers of these attacks to the lives of all working people, children, and seniors and what they can do with their unions and allies to resist these attacks.