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Vulnerable House Republican warns against benefit cuts

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GOP Rep. Rob Bresnahan is the latest swing-district Republican to issue a warning to GOP leaders over deep spending cuts they're targeting for key safety net programs in their massive domestic agenda bill. "I ran for Congress under a promise of always doing what is best for the people of Northeastern Pennsylvania," said Bresnahan in a statement Friday. "If a bill is put in front of me that guts the benefits my neighbors rely on, I will not vote for it. Pennsylvania's Eighth District chose me to advocate for them in Congress. These benefits are promises that were made to the people of NEPA and where I come from, people keep their word." Bresnahan could become a major problem for GOP leadership in the coming days. Speaker Mike Johnson can afford to lose only one vote on any party-line legislation he wants to pass on the House floor.

Republicans May Find It Harder to Cut Medicaid Than They Think

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Amid the chaos of President Donald Trump's now-rescinded domestic funding freeze, Medicaid portals across the country went offline, which meant states couldn't get their Medicaid dollars. It was something the administration said was never supposed to happen and which provoked public outrage and a bipartisan outcry...As the blowback over the portals foreshadowed, going after Medicaid will be harder than it looks. That's because the program has evolved and expanded significantly over the years — and its constituency has expanded along with it. Some 80 million people now get health care from Medicaid, including many working-class voters in the president's base...But, he noted, a political realignment is taking place with the GOP increasingly appealing to voters who rely on government programs: "You can say President Trump was elected on a mandate. But the mandate was not 'Let's slash health care from working-class Americans.'"

Eliminating the ACA Medicaid Expansion Match Could Reduce Total Medicaid Spending by Up To \$1.9 Trillion Over 10 Years and End Coverage for 20 Million People

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A new KFF analysis finds that a congressional proposal to significantly cut federal spending on the Affordable Care Act's Medicaid expansion could reduce total Medicaid spending by up to nearly one-fifth, or \$1.9 trillion, over a 10-year period, and end Medicaid coverage for as many as 20 million people. The analysis shows state-by-state estimates for two scenarios...The first scenario assumes that all states would maintain their Medicaid expansion by replacing lost federal dollars with increased state spending... The second assumes that states would not make up the funding shortfall resulting from federal spending reductions and drop the ACA Medicaid expansion... All told, total Medicaid spending would decline by nearly one-fifth, or \$1.9 trillion, and 20 million people would lose coverage.

House GOP budget resolution hangs in the balance as hardliners hold out support

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The House GOP's budget resolution is hanging in the balance as a handful of hardliners withhold support for the measure, setting the stage for a high-stakes committee vote on Thursday. At least six Republicans on the House Budget Committee remained undecided Wednesday afternoon on whether they will support the budget resolution when the panel considers it on Thursday, a number far larger than the two GOP lawmakers the conference can afford to lose and still clear the measure, assuming all Democrats vote "no." ...Rep. Ralph Norman (R-S.C.) — who is also a member of the conservative House Freedom Caucus — said he wants Medicaid work requirements and block grants to be on the table...Asked if he was making changes to appease the hardliners, Johnson told reporters "no, we're not — we can't make any promises on the final product."..."President Trump has said he really doesn't want to touch Medicaid so I'm not sure how they're gonna come up with the cuts," Rep. Andrew Garbarino (R-N.Y.) said.