



How the 2013 Ryan Budget Would Affect Latinos

The 2013 Ryan budget proposal would affect Latinos in the following ways:

- **Affordable Care Act.** The Ryan budget plans to repeal the coverage expansions in the Affordable Care Act, eliminating pathways to new coverage options for more than six million Latinos. It would also slash essential prevention programs that are already in place and saving us health care dollars now.
- **Medicaid.** The Ryan budget proposes to cut Medicaid and additional unspecified health programs by \$756 billion over the next ten years, transforming them into block grants. Cutting Medicaid would reduce care for one-quarter of all Latino adults as well as nearly one-half (49.3%) of Latino children, who are insured by Medicaid or the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP).
- **Medicare.** Medicare would be dramatically changed under the Ryan budget, raising out-of-pocket health costs by as much as \$5,900 annually and severely harming vulnerable beneficiaries. By substituting Medicare's guaranteed coverage with a flat premium-support payment, needed health care would be capped. Hispanics comprise 17% of those jointly on the Medicare and Medicaid and are extremely vulnerable to cuts.
- **SNAP.** The Ryan budget changes the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) into a block grant, shifting costs to states and making it harder for the one in six Americans who have accessed SNAP this year to do so again when facing hard times. The already staggering rates of food insecurity (26.2%) among Latinos would climb higher when low-income families cannot rely on this important support in a down economy. Families on SNAP already face benefit cuts coming in November 2013. They cannot afford another hit.
- **Education.** The Ryan budget will disproportionately affect Hispanic children, who compose almost one-quarter of all schoolchildren. These youth disproportionately come from low-income homes and benefit from extra funding and civil rights protections from the federal government. More than two million Latino youth enrolled in two- or four-year colleges and 40% of them rely on Pell Grants to help pay for school. The Ryan budget would make it harder for low-income students to stay in college by freezing the Pell Grant at today's level of \$5,645 per student annually for the next ten years, effectively lowering the purchasing power of the grant each year.
- **Workforce.** The Ryan budget supports the "Supporting Knowledge and Investing in Lifelong Skills (SKILLS) Act" (H.R. 803), which would severely reduce the public workforce investment system's ability to provide the targeted and intensive workforce preparation services that job-seekers and employers need most.
- **Social Security.** More than half of Latino seniors depend on our Social Security system for at least 90% of their income. Though this year's Ryan budget does not specify cuts to Social Security, it proposes a rule that would force the federal government to make immediate changes to Social Security benefits each time the program projects a shortfall—which occurs frequently—over the next 75 years.