

Neighborhood House v. Health and Human Services

On August 25, 2026 Neighborhood House and their client (the Plaintiffs) filed a lawsuit against the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) and Secretary Robert F. Kennedy Jr.



Frequently Asked Questions

Why is Neighborhood House suing HHS?

HHS told Washington State that H.R. 1 (the “One Big Beautiful Bill”) requires ending Medicaid coverage, starting on October 1, 2026, for all noncitizens who are not Lawful Permanent Residents (LPRs), Cuban or Haitian Entrants, or Compact of Free Association (COFA) migrants.

With legal representation from Northwest Health Law Advocates (NoHLA) and Barnard Iglitzin & Lavitt LLP, Neighborhood House and their client argue that the law requires HHS to allow noncitizens who are receiving Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefits to keep their Medicaid.

What happens next?

The Plaintiffs have asked the Court to postpone the Medicaid cuts for this population. The Court may decide to grant or deny this preliminary request anytime after September 25, 2026.

If granted, HHS's Medicaid cuts for lawfully present qualified noncitizen SSI recipients in Washington State would be postponed until the Court finishes reviewing the claim that HHS's decision is legally incorrect.

What are the possible outcomes?

If HHS wins the case, then hundreds of lawfully present qualified noncitizen SSI recipients will lose Medicaid coverage.

If Neighborhood House and their client win the case, then lawfully present qualified noncitizens who are receiving SSI benefits will retain Medicaid services, including medically necessary health care and long-term care services.

Learn more about [H.R. 1 impacts on health and long-term care services for immigrants and refugees in WA](#) (fact sheet by WA Dept. of Social and Health Services).