

PASSED

IN THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF LANE COUNTY, OREGON

RESOLUTION 06-3-22-12) IN THE MATTER OF OPPOSING CUTS
) TO MEDICAID AND OTHER FEDERAL
) SOCIAL SERVICE PROGRAMS

WHEREAS, Medicaid became law in 1965 as a cooperative venture jointly funded by the Federal and State governments to assist states in furnishing medical assistance to eligible people in need; and

WHEREAS, Medicaid is the largest source of funding for medical and health-related services for America's most vulnerable people; and

WHEREAS, Medicaid funds provide Lane County clients with such services as alcohol and drug treatment, assistance for the elderly and people with disabilities, immunizations, early childhood education and learning support programs, prenatal care, home visits by nurses to families with newborns, mental health services, support services to prevent and resolve homelessness, premedical and dental clinics for low-income and uninsured patients and FQHC (Federally Qualified Health Center) services; and

WHEREAS, indiscriminately cutting federal programs that provide basic health care and social services to the poor, elderly, and children is bad fiscal policy and insensitive to our most vulnerable citizens; and

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED, that the Lane County Board of Commissioners is opposed to cuts to Medicaid or other basic federal safety net services programs for people of need; and appreciates United States Congressman Peter DeFazio, Senators Gordon Smith and Ron Wyden for their bipartisan support for people in need of our federal social service programs.

Dated this 22nd day of March, 2006.



Chair, Lane County Board of Commissioners