



Advocacy Update

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Take Action To Protect Medicaid

Today's We've Got News, the e-news alert of the Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism, RAC, calls for action to oppose cuts to Medicaid. President Obama has invited lawmakers to the White House for intensive negotiations tomorrow to reach an agreement on deficit reduction. Advocacy groups are concerned that programs for low income people, such as Medicare, are in danger. Medicaid provides health insurance for low-income women, men, and children, but also covers sixty million elderly individuals, people with disabilities, and is the major funding source for nursing home and community-based long-term care services.

Contact your members of Congress now to oppose proposals to drastically cut Medicaid funding or make changes that would include spending caps or convert it into a block grant program. Go to the [Religious Action Center](#) website for more information and to send an email to your senators and representatives, as well as for talking points to help you frame your calls and emails.

Gaza Bound Flotilla – Become Informed

Questions regarding the flotilla heading for Gaza are likely to come up in your sisterhood, congregation, or community. Although there have been significant reductions in the flotilla, several ships may still attempt to get through Israel's blockade.

The [Association of Reform Zionists of America, ARZA](#), has posted resources on its website, prepared by the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, covering the flotilla to help you inform members of your sisterhood and congregation about the issues.