



## KING COUNTY

1200 King County Courthouse  
516 Third Avenue  
Seattle, WA 98104

### Signature Report

#### Motion 16834

**Proposed No.** 2025-0149.2

**Sponsors** Zahilay, Mosqueda and Quinn

1           A MOTION expressing King County council's opposition  
2           to proposed federal Medicaid cuts and affirming support for  
3           care workers, healthcare systems, and residents who rely on  
4           Apple Health.

5           WHEREAS, Medicaid, known as Apple Health in Washington state, provides  
6           essential healthcare coverage to over 1.8 million Washingtonians, including more than  
7           440,000 residents of King County who rely on it for primary, behavioral, and long-term  
8           care, and

9           WHEREAS, proposed federal budget reductions threaten to significantly decrease  
10          Medicaid funding, which could severely impact access to critical health services for low-  
11          income families, seniors, individuals with disabilities, and other vulnerable populations in  
12          King County, and

13          WHEREAS, cuts to Medicaid would have significant ripple effects across King  
14          County's healthcare infrastructure, including public, nonprofit, and for-profit hospital  
15          systems, potentially forcing care reductions, employee layoffs, and service closures, that  
16          would harm both patients and workers, and

17          WHEREAS, care workers, including home care aides, long-term care providers,  
18          nursing home staff, and hospital workers, are essential to the health and well-being of our  
19          residents, and their work is largely funded through Medicaid reimbursements, and

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20 WHEREAS, these care workers are represented by several labor organizations,  
 21 including SEIU 775, SEIU Healthcare 1199NW, UFCW3000 and the Washington  
 22 Federation of State Employees, which advocate for the wages, benefits, and working  
 23 conditions, of those on the frontlines of care, and

24 WHEREAS, King County is committed to advancing health equity, preserving  
 25 healthcare access, and supporting the dignity and economic security of both care  
 26 recipients and the diverse health workforce that serves them;

27 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT MOVED by the Council of King County:

28 A. The King County council formally opposes any federal actions that would  
 29 reduce Medicaid funding and urges Congress to maintain or increase current funding  
 30 levels to ensure continued access to essential healthcare services.

31 B. The council affirms its support for the care workforce, including home care  
 32 aides, nursing assistants, behavioral health workers, and hospital staff, whose roles are  
 33 central to our health system and funded in large part through Medicaid.

34 C. The council recognizes the essential contributions of healthcare institutions,  
 35 including nonprofit and for-profit hospital systems, long-term care facilities, and  
 36 community clinics, which would be seriously impacted by any reduction in Medicaid  
 37 funding.

38 D. The council acknowledges the advocacy and leadership of labor organizations  
 39 such as SEIU 775, SEIU Healthcare 1199NW, UFCW3000 and Washington Federation  
 40 of State Employees, which represent a wide range of workers who would be affected by  
 41 federal funding changes.

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42           E. The council commits to working with federal, state, labor, and provider  
43 partners, to protect and strengthen Medicaid and ensure that King County residents  
44 continue to receive the healthcare and supports they need to thrive.

45           F. The clerk of the council is directed to transmit a copy of this motion to the  
46 Washington state Congressional delegation, the Governor of Washington, the

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- 47 Washington state Health Care Authority, relevant healthcare labor organizations, and  
48 hospital associations.

Motion 16834 was introduced on 5/27/2025 and passed by the Metropolitan King County Council on 6/17/2025, by the following vote:

Yes: 9 - Balducci, Barón, Dembowski, Dunn, Mosqueda, Perry,  
Quinn, von Reichbauer and Zahilay

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KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

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Girmay Zahilay, Chair

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