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### **Proposed Cuts to Medicaid, Medicare, and SNAP Will Devastate Vulnerable Populations, Warns Hanan Refugees Relief Group**

Milwaukee, WI, May 27th, 2025 — Hanan Refugees Relief Group is raising urgent concern over proposed legislation that would strip millions of Americans—especially the most vulnerable, of access to Medicaid, Medicare, and the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), also known as FoodShare.

These cuts are expected to have devastating impacts on individuals who already face significant barriers to health, nutrition, and economic stability, including the elderly, people with disabilities, and humanitarian immigrants such as refugees, asylees, Temporary Protected Status (TPS) holders, and humanitarian parolees.

“This is not just a policy shift, it’s a humanitarian crisis in the making,” said Sheila Badwan, Executive Director of Hanan Refugees Relief Group. “Eliminating eligibility for Medicare, Medicaid, and SNAP abandons the promise this country made to protect its most vulnerable residents.”

The proposed cuts would:

- Eliminate Medicaid for millions of low-income individuals, including those with chronic health needs or disabilities.
- Remove eligibility for Medicare and SNAP for humanitarian status holders, including refugees and asylees - these are already our most vulnerable.
- Deepen poverty and health disparities in communities already struggling with access to basic services.
- Place a huge burden on food pantries and food banks, including those served by Hanan Refugees Relief Group’s Halal Food Box program (the only Halal resource of its kind in Milwaukee) and many other service organizations working at capacity to meet the current increased demand.

In cities like Milwaukee, where vulnerable populations are striving for stability and working to contribute to their communities, these programs are essential, not *optional*. Hanan also urges people to contact your Senators and urge them to vote against this budget.

**To find your Senator click:** <https://www.senate.gov/senators/senators-contact.htm>

“These individuals include survivors of war, seniors living alone, and people with disabilities who rely on these programs for food, medicine, and dignity,” said Badwan.



### **About Hanan Refugees Relief Group**

Hanan Refugees Relief Group is a Milwaukee-based nonprofit organization committed to the long-term support of vulnerable and displaced communities through direct aid, education, and policy advocacy. Since 2017, Hanan RRG has supported thousands of individuals and families on their path toward safety, stability, and well-being.

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