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## Senate GOP Budget Calls for Medicaid, Medicare Cuts

According to an internal report produced by Senate Budget Chairman Mike Enzi (R-Wyo.), the Senate GOP budget for fiscal 2018 will recommend dramatic cuts to Medicare and Medicaid. In total, the document calls for \$1.3 trillion in cuts to Medicaid and related health programs and approximately \$478 billion in cuts to Medicare over the next decade.

The cuts were initially reported by Senate Democrats and then confirmed independently by POLITICO Pro DataPoint.

The size of the proposed cuts to Medicaid are similar to cuts proposed in the president's budget and Affordable Care Act repeal bills from earlier this year,

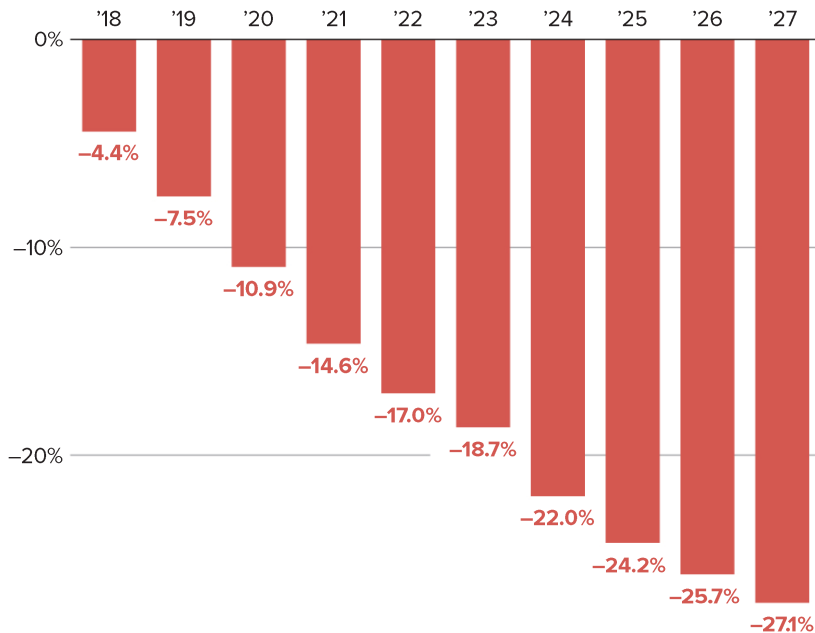
indicating that Senate Republicans may continue their health reform efforts.

The budget resolution provides reconciliation instructions for the Senate Finance Committee and Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee. Republicans are widely expected to use reconciliation for tax reform this year, but the legislative language leaves the door open for further attempts at health care reform. The resolution would also establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund for ACA repeal.

The proposed cuts to Medicare were not included in the president's budget earlier this year.

### Changes to Medicaid funding in Senate FY18 GOP budget

Budget authority for function 550, compared to June 2017 CBO baseline



### Changes to Medicare funding in Senate FY18 GOP budget

Budget authority for function 570, compared to June 2017 CBO baseline

