Medicaid & the attack on Safety Net

Medicaid provides free or low-cost health care to millions of the most vulnerable Americans, including some low-income families, children, pregnant women, the elderly, and people with disabilities. All these people are at great risk because our federal government is determined to further slash its already austere funding to this safety net and give the states more freedom to enact draconian restrictions. The attackers are forcing the government to stop caring for its people.

1. **SOUTHERN PROGRAM**
   A State Business Model of Economic & Social Depravation and Denial of Rights

2. **ROBOT REVOLUTION**
   Requires a New Reconstruction to value people’s rights over corporate profits

3. **COMMON POVERTY**
   Austerity hurts us all. To win better health care for all, work to unite the poor in support.

**Awful Attacks on poor women on welfare**
Opening shots on the poor. Deemed undeserving. Same story with attacks on healthcare for the poor.

**Work requirements for Medicaid patients in 11 states. Same old Southern Program.**

**Build the New Poor People’s Campaign**
Austerity Kills, builds on the Southern Strategy of keeping workers down:

From Health Insecurity, to Right to Work, to Poverty Wages, Voter Suppression & political reaction.

There are over 74 million people on Medicaid in the U.S. and their numbers are rising with job insecurity. They are in the bulls-eye of today’s assault on healthcare. They reflect a new class of workers whose need for healthcare is being ignored because corporations no longer need them as workers.

A Southern Program rests on the most reactionary State’s Rights plan going national

The political roots of the assault on Medicaid lie in the southern states’ rights doctrine of opposing any government responsibility for healthcare for the working poor. Low rates of unionization, aggressive privatization and closures of public and rural hospitals, and the damaging refusal to expand Medicaid in nearly every southern state are its hallmarks from the Dixiecrats to the Tea Party, and are now spreading across the entire nation.

As a result the southern region has the highest rates of uninsured, infant mortality, and deaths from preventable causes.

The status of health in the South is a roadmap for where things are headed in the absence of class unity necessary for the transformation of power to move from private corporate care to public accountable care with everybody in and nobody out!

Securing the healthcare we need requires unity between the poor & building links with a single payer movement. Together we can build a broad-based and transformative movement.

WEALTH/POVERTY GAP EXPLODING...RESULTING IN DISPOSSESSED PEOPLE FIGHTING FOR OUR LIVES!

In end stage capitalism, growing numbers of marginalized & dispossessed people are forced to find ways to survive outside of capitalism. We must battle for the political power needed by increasingly imperiled workers to change the laws to meet their needs. A new common poverty is spreading that cuts across lines of race, gender, culture, generation and geography. Like the industrial workers of an earlier capitalism who out of necessity built labor unions, those being dragged into chronic food, housing and health insecurity are the heart of the social force for change in the 21st century. Justice for this growing class requires the distribution of healthcare regardless of ability to pay. HR 676 is an important offensive step in securing healthcare for all as a human right! That’s how we can elevate the need for HR676 as a key step toward securing health care for all as a human right. Support the Poor People’s Campaign!