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Medicaid Caps, LTSS & Older Adults

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Justice in Aging is a national organization that uses the power of law to fight senior poverty by securing access to affordable health care, economic security, and the courts for older adults with limited resources.

Since 1972 we've focused our efforts primarily on populations that have traditionally lacked legal protection such as women, people of color, LGBT individuals, and people with limited English proficiency.



Medicaid plays a critical
role in meeting the
LTSS needs of Older Adults

70%

Age 65+
will need LTSS



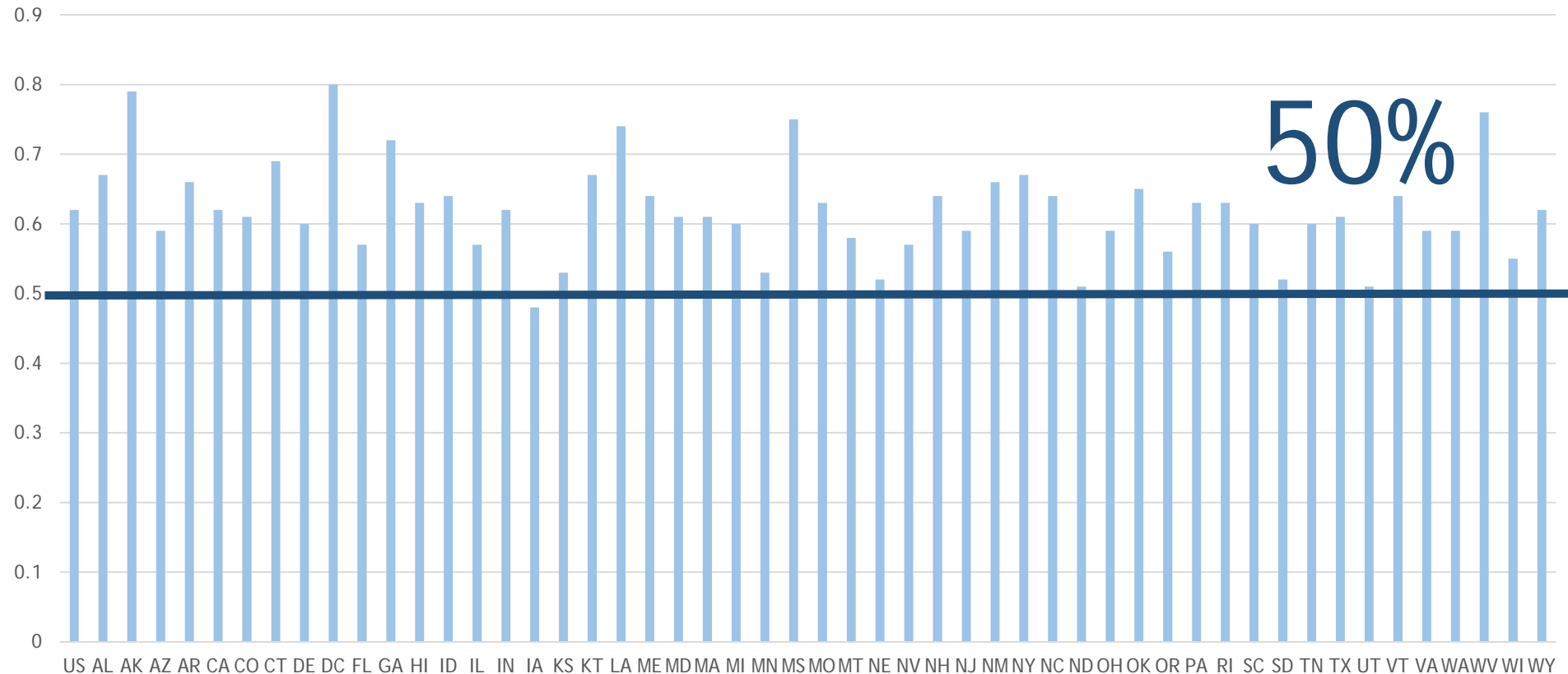
\$90k

\$40k

\$20k

32% Age 65+ below \$24,120/year

% LTSS Spending from Medicaid



50%

% LTSS Spending from Medicaid

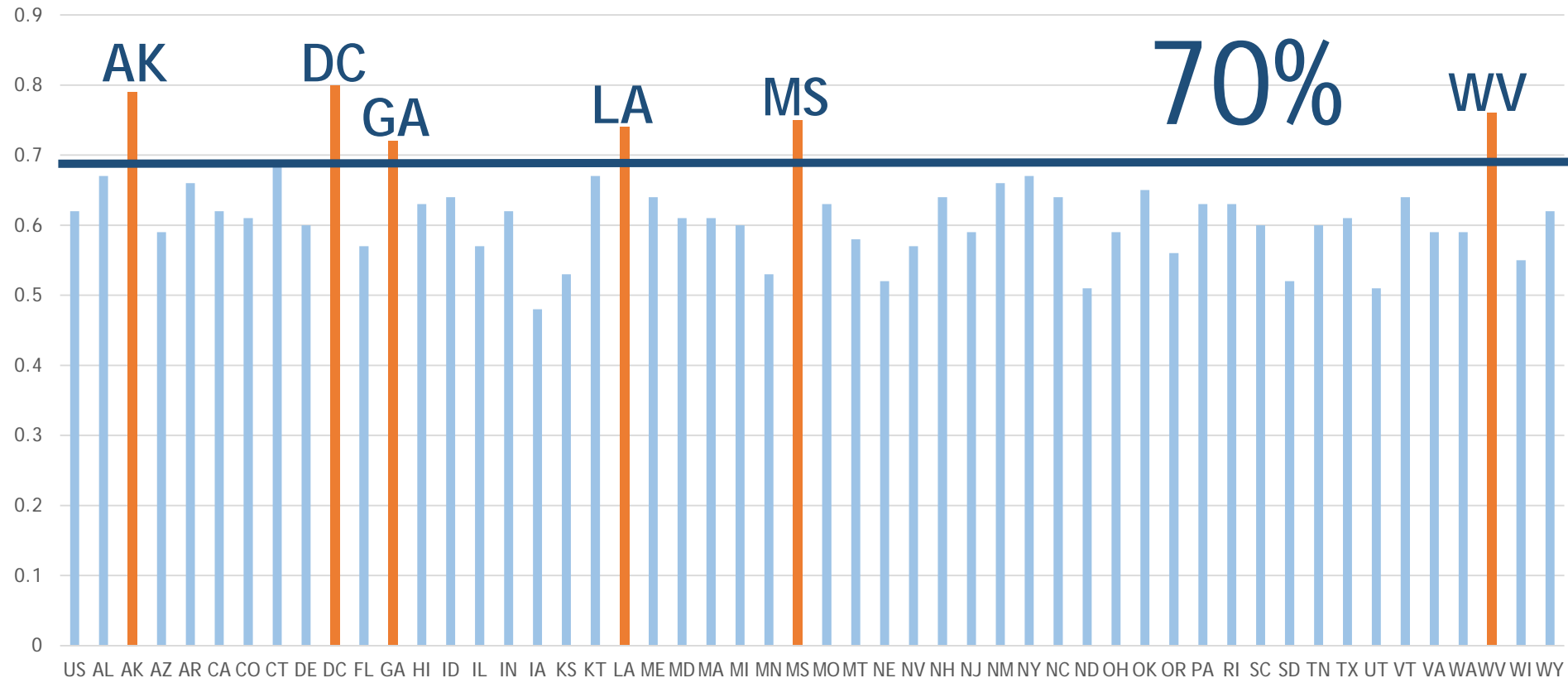
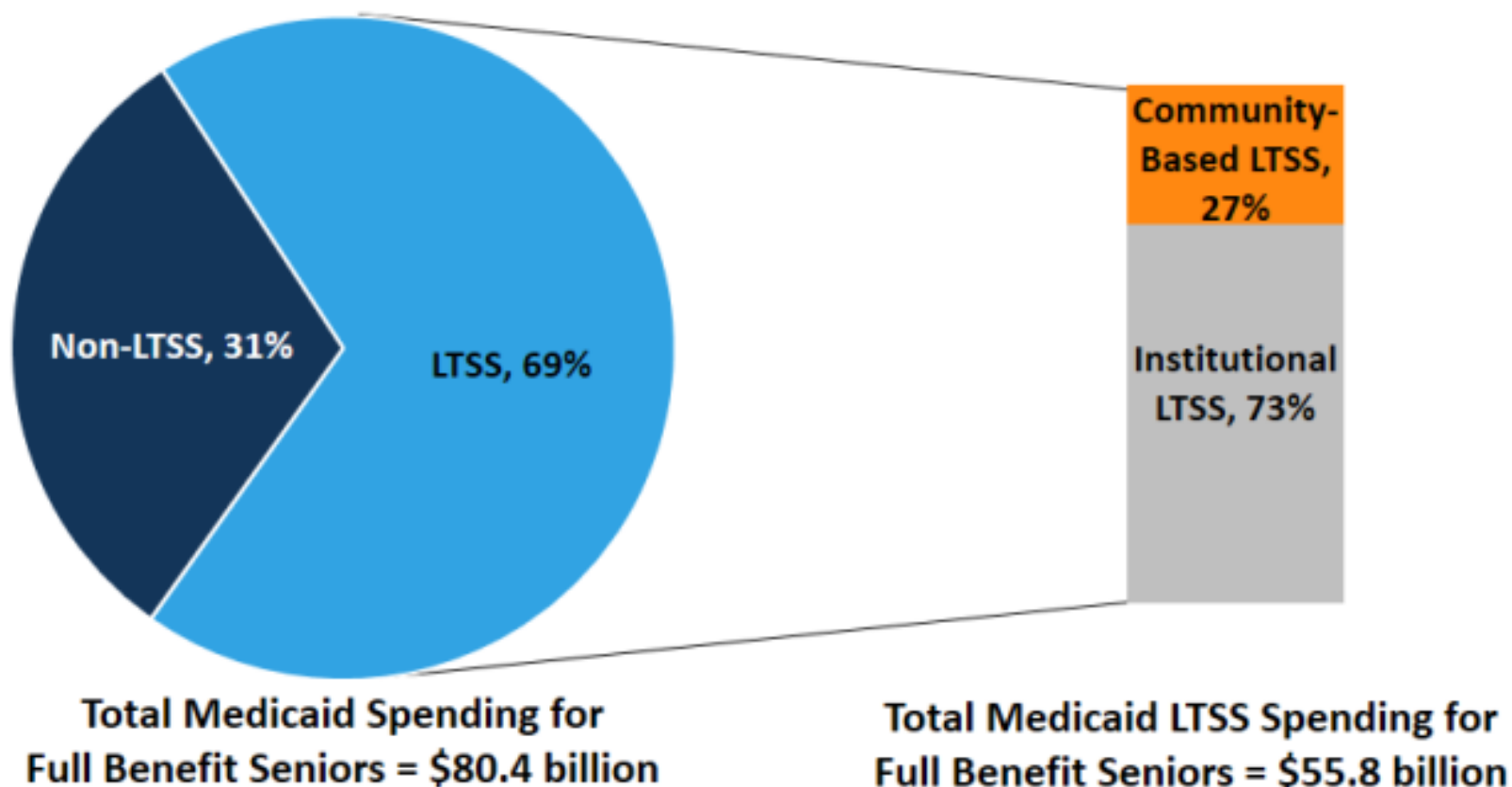


Figure 1

LTSS account for the majority of Medicaid expenditures for seniors with full benefits.



NOTE: MLTSS programs for seniors were in place in AZ, HI, MN, TN, VT, and WI, and as a result, we may not be capturing all LTSS spending.
SOURCE: KCMU and Urban Institute estimates based on data from FY 2011 MSIS and CMS-64 reports. Because 2011 data were unavailable, 2010 data was used for FL, KS, ME, MD, MT, NM, NJ, OK, TX, and UT and adjusted to 2011 CMS-64 spending levels.

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Medicaid cap proposals will leave Medicaid unable to meet our growing LTSS Needs

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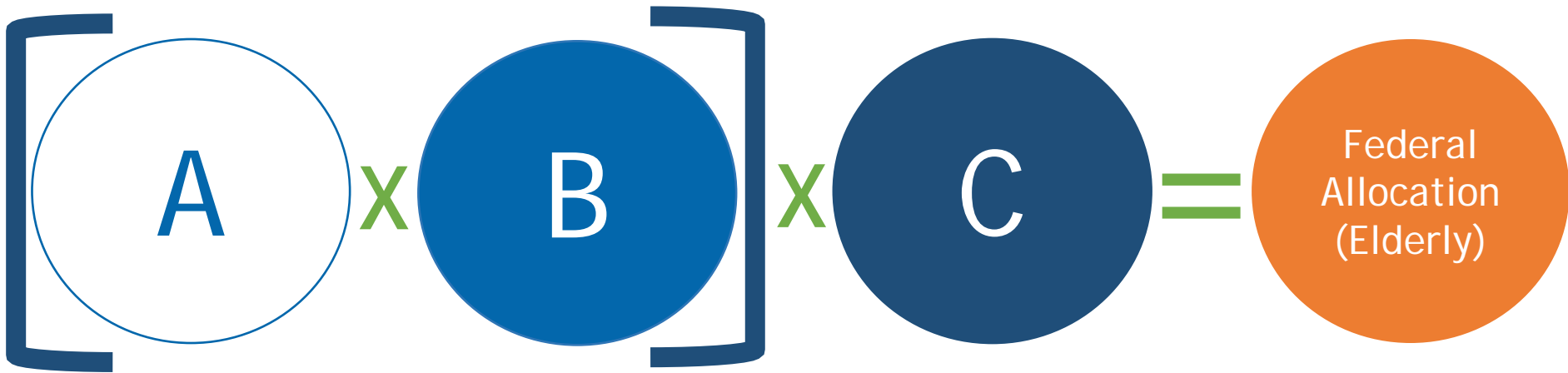
NEED EXISTS



STATE SPENDS



FEDS MATCH

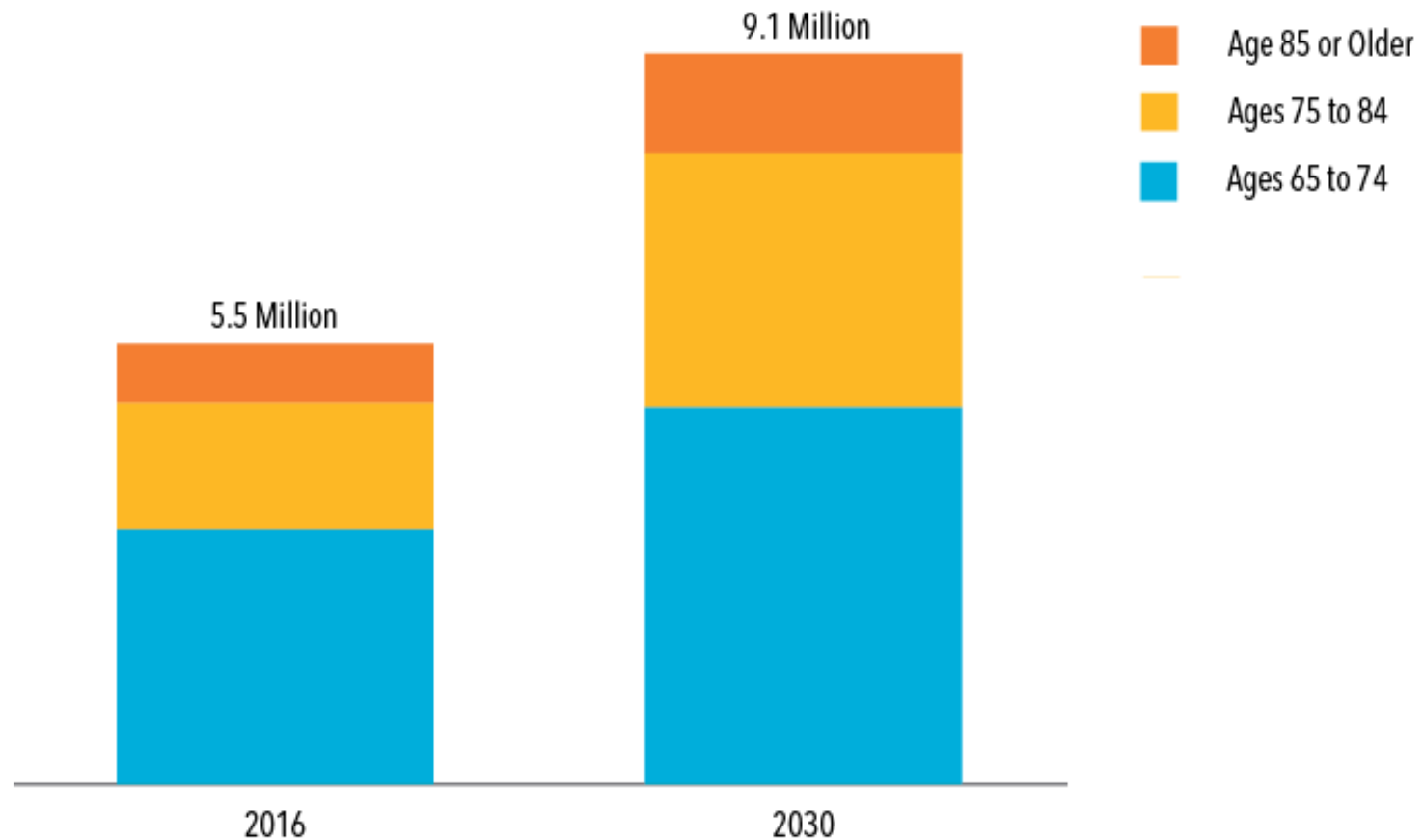


A Avg cost of Medicaid per 65+ in 2016

B CPI-M + 1%

C # of 65+ enrollees in YEAR

The Number of Californians Age 65 or Older Is Projected to Rise by Two-Thirds Between 2016 and 2030



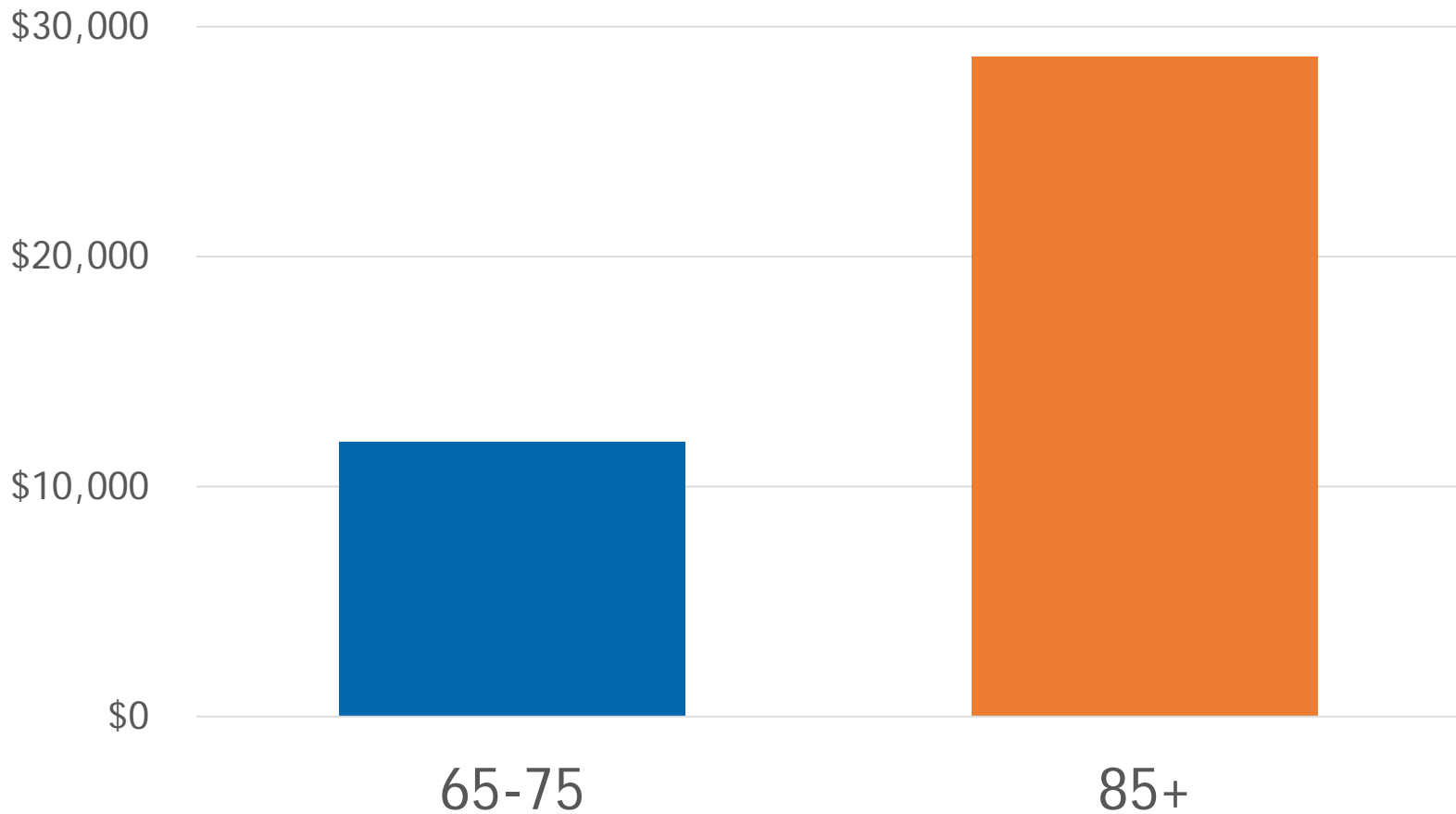
Note: Population is estimated for July 1, 2016 and projected for July 1, 2030.
Source: Budget Center analysis of Department of Finance data



California Budget
& Policy Center

Independent Analysis. Shared Prosperity.

Average Medicaid Cost per Beneficiary (2011)



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Older adults will lose access to LTSS, triggering a cascade of harm to American families



Cut
Services

Cut
Eligibility

Cut
Rates

If the goal is to
save \$\$, there is
no saving older adults
from losing LTSS