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## BROAD CUTS IN ENTITLEMENT PROGRAMS UNDER HOUSE BUDGET PLAN

A new analysis from the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, *House Budget Plan Calls for Cuts in Key Domestic Entitlement Programs*, details the cuts in entitlement (or “mandatory”) programs in the budget plan the House passed on March 21. It finds that:

The full report can be viewed at  
<http://www.cbpp.org/3-20-03bud2.htm>

- **Cuts would average four percent over ten years.** While the cuts generally start at one percent in fiscal year 2004, they grow in later years and average four percent for the 2004-2013 period (excluding Social Security and other programs exempted from reductions).
- **Low- and middle-income families would be heavily affected.** Of the \$265 billion in entitlement cuts called for by the plan, about \$225 billion would come in programs that assist either (a) mostly middle-class, low-income, elderly, and disabled people with the costs of health care, food, other necessities, and post-secondary education; (b) veterans; or (c) farmers. Some of the cuts are shown in the table below.

### Dollar and Percentage Cuts Built Into the House Budget Plan

Selected Entitlement Programs, Dollars in Billions

	Total dollar reduction, 2004-2013	Average percent reduction, 2004-2013	Percent reduction when cuts are deepest
Medicaid	92	3.7%	7.1%
Supplemental Security Income	19	4.6%	6.6%
Veterans benefits	14	3.7%	5.3%
Earned Income Tax Credit	14	4.6%	6.6%
Food Stamps	13	4.6%	6.6%
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	8	4.6%	6.6%
Farmers' assistance	7	3.7%	5.4%
Child Nutrition (including school lunches)	6	4.6%	6.6%
Foster Care and Adoption Assistance	4	4.6%	6.6%
Child Support Enforcement	3	4.6%	6.6%
Child Tax Credit	3	4.6%	6.6%
Student loans	2	3.9%	5.4%
State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP)	2	3.7%	7.1%
Child Care grants to states	1	4.6%	6.6%