

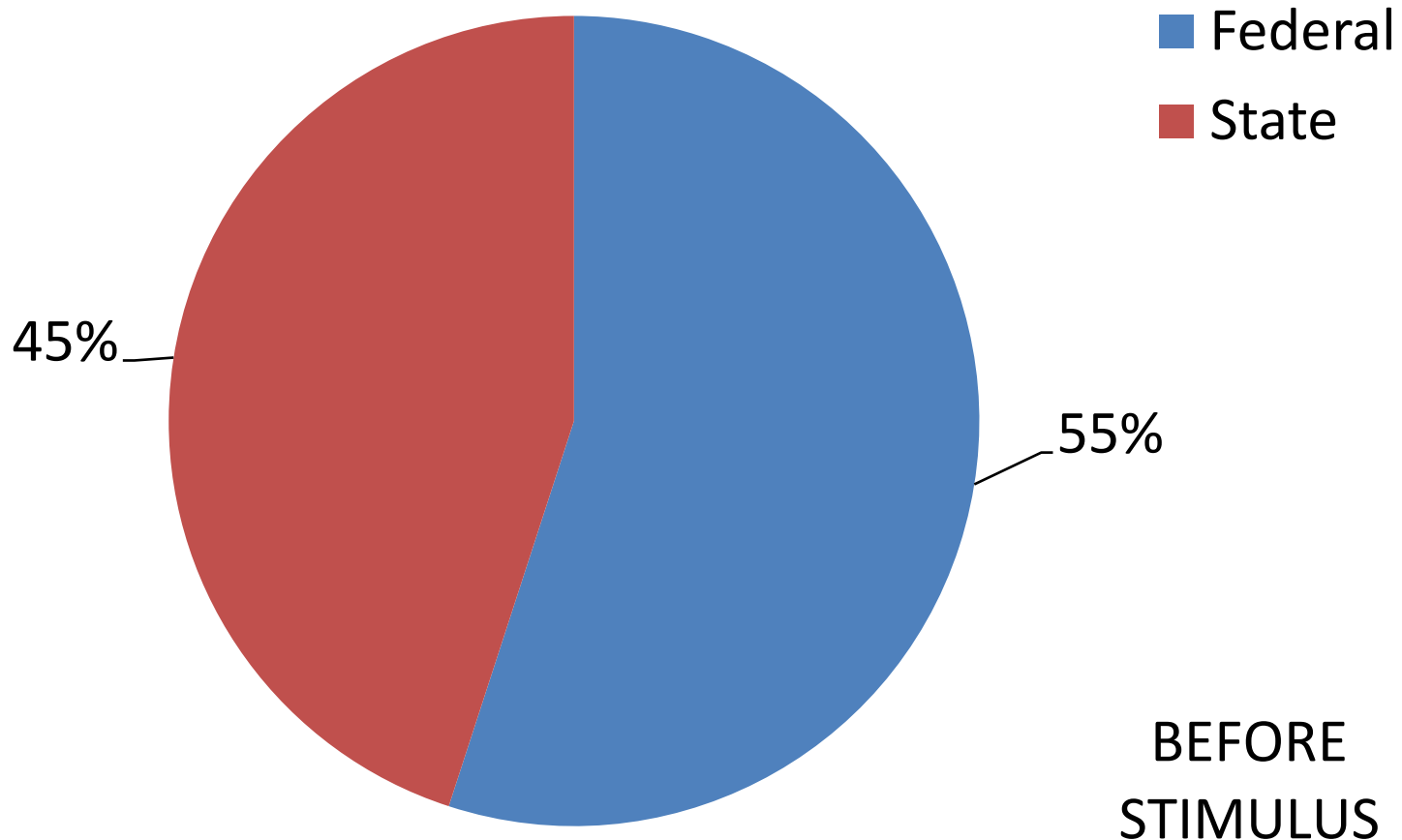
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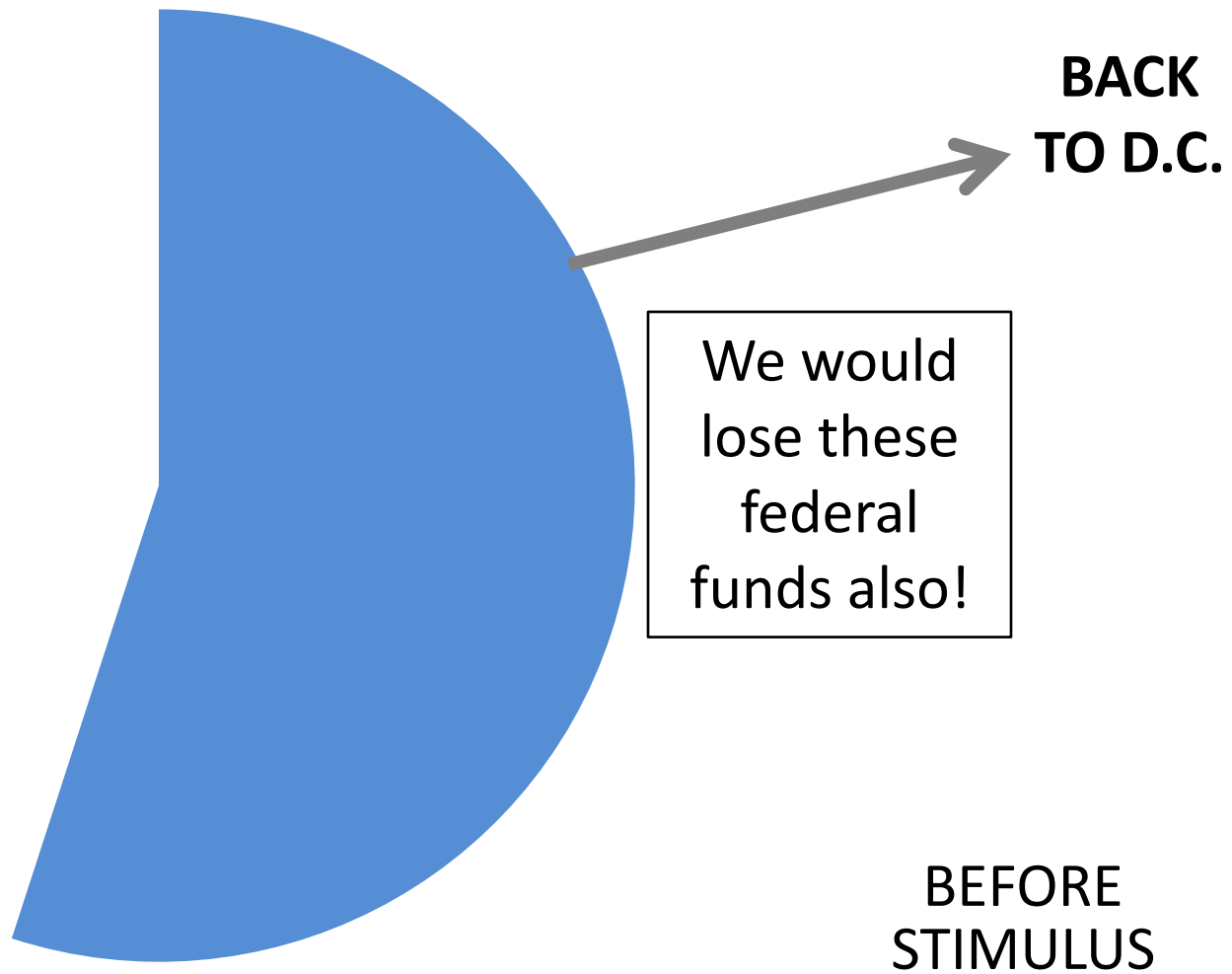
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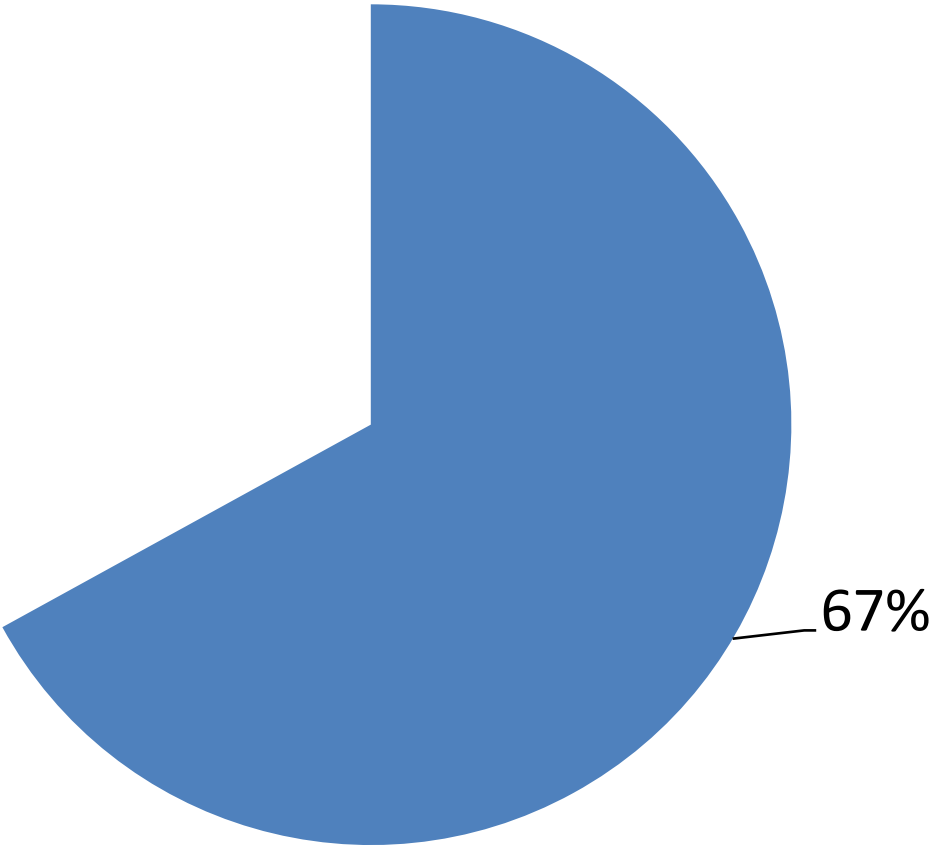
Reminder: Medicaid is a State-Federal Partnership



# Legislature Had Planned to End State Funding & Eliminate Medically Needy/MEDS-AD *effective July 1, 2009*

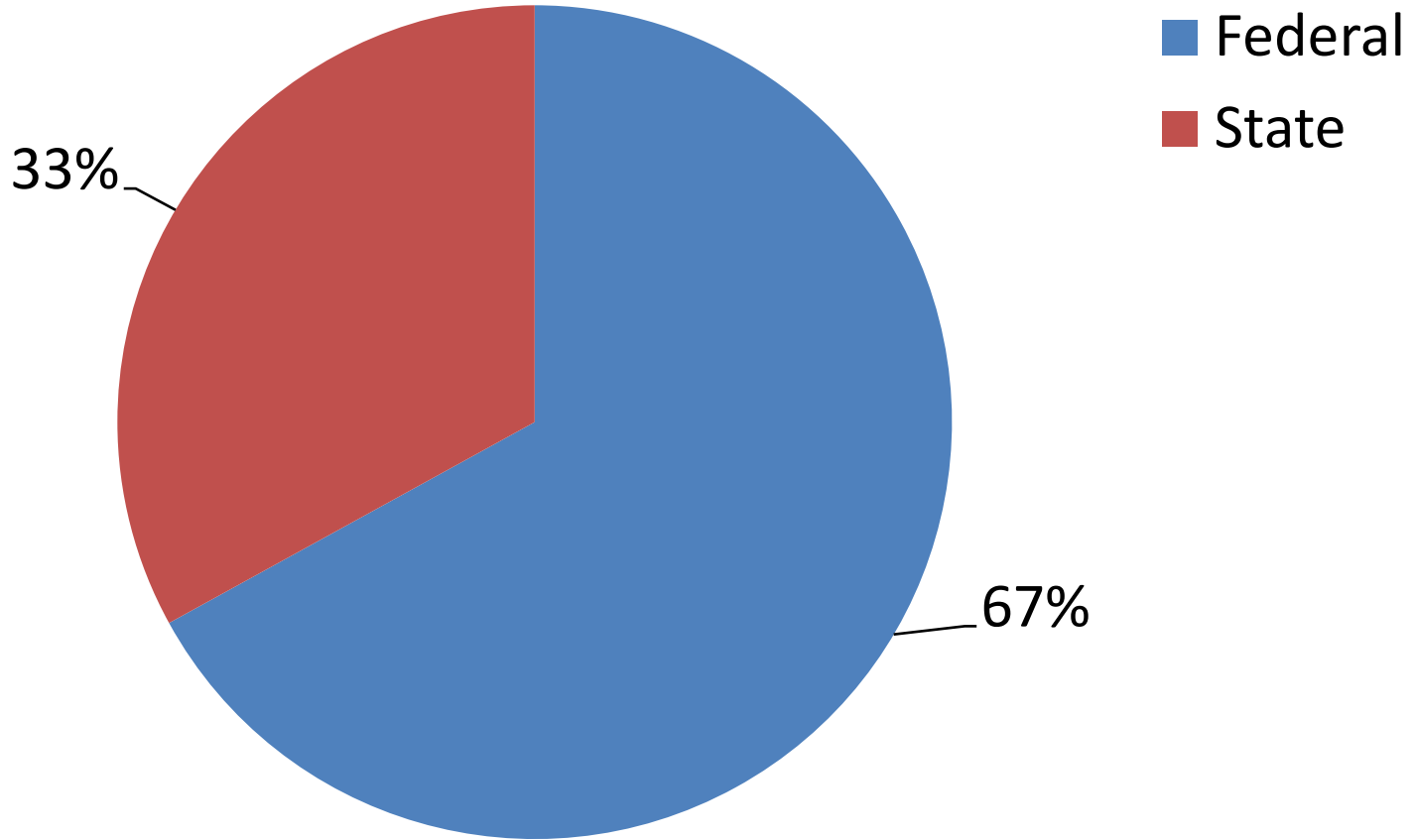


# But the Stimulus Package Increased the Federal Medicaid Matching Rate...



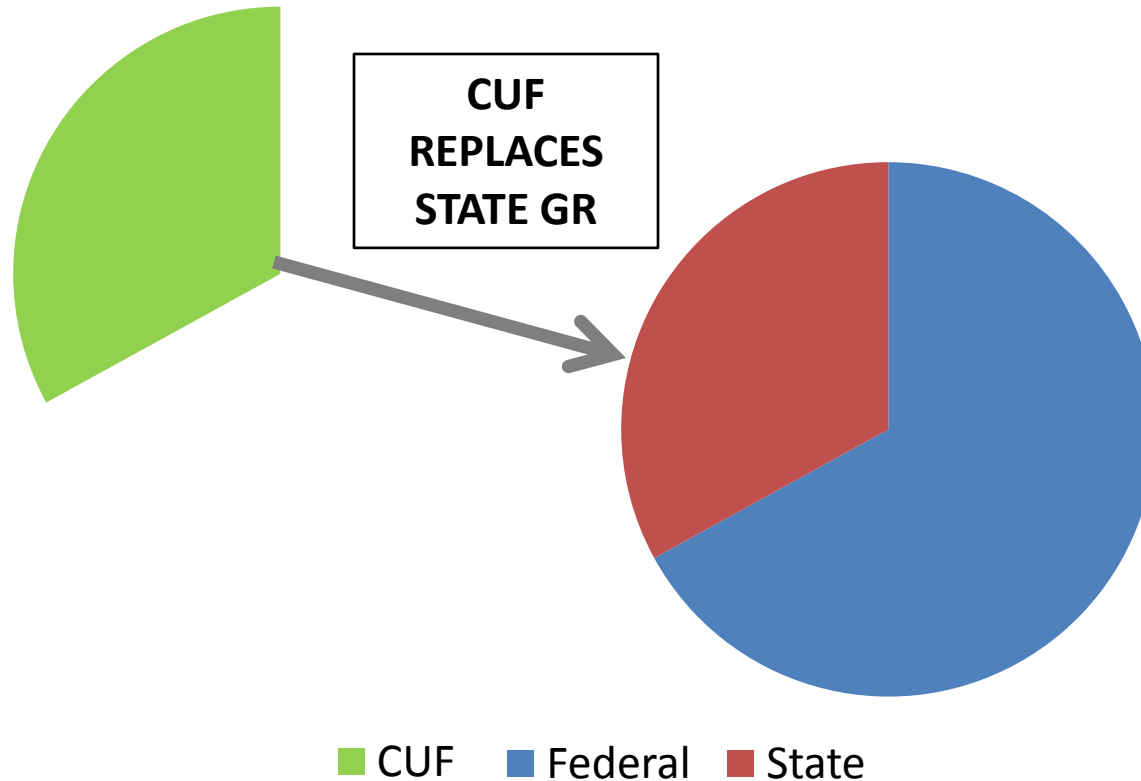
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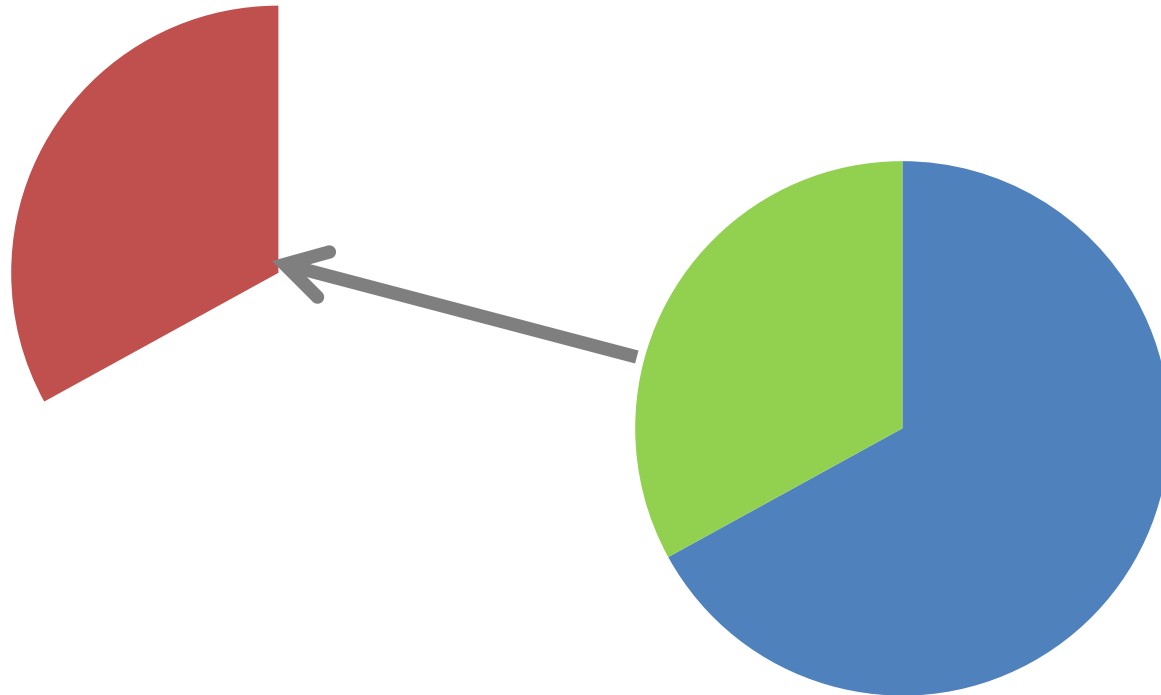
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# We Can Use Cigarette User Fee (CUF) Revenue to Sustain Medically Needy and MEDS-AD Now and in the Future



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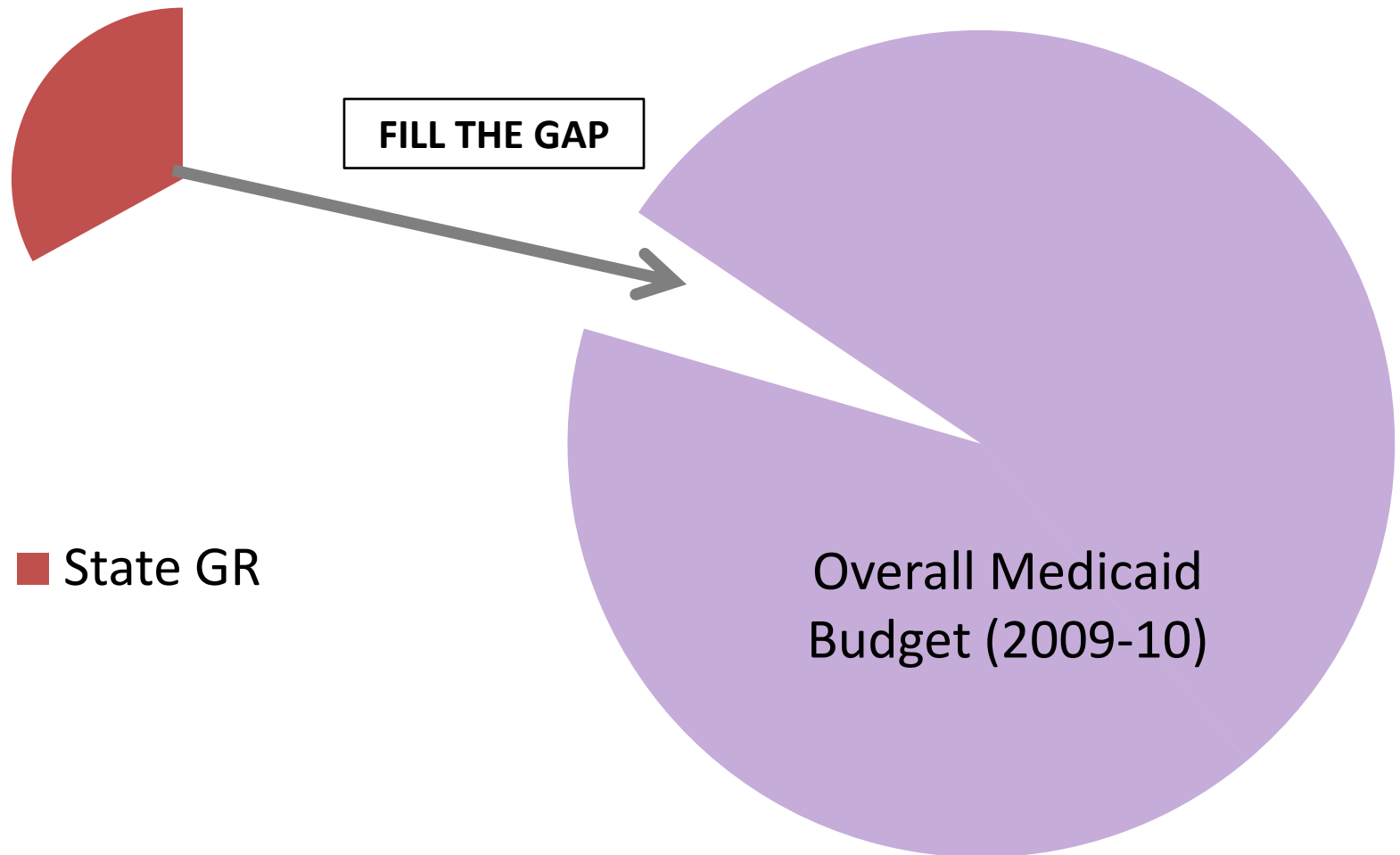
# This Would Then Free Up Some State General Revenue in 2009-10...



■ State    ■ Federal    ■ CUF

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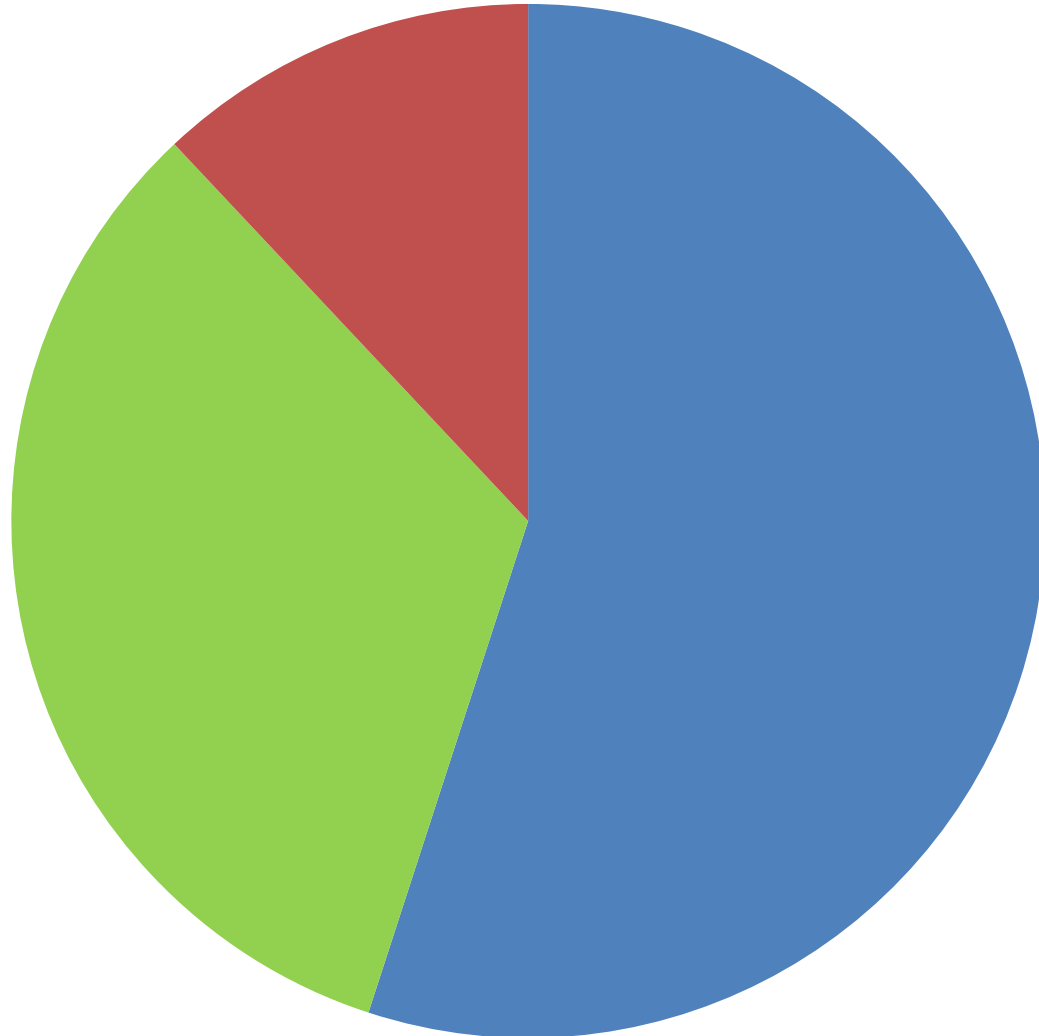
...So No Need to Make Cuts to Medicaid Providers for the 4<sup>th</sup> Time in 18 Months



# In 2011 and Beyond, Use CUF to Sustain Medically Needy and MEDS-AD

**Note:** CUF Revenue Would Decline Slowly

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