

FACT SHEET: Rep. Brett Guthrie Spreads Falsehoods To Kentuckians While Slashing Medicaid

Kentucky Representative Brett Guthrie (KY-02) has spent months doubling down on lies about Medicaid, trying to pull the wool over the eyes of his constituents while supporting the House GOP's budget resolution slashing nearly \$1 trillion from Medicaid to fund tax breaks for the wealthy and large corporations at the behest of Donald Trump. The Congressional Budget Office has [exposed](#) the truth, proving that GOP budget goals cannot be reached without cutting Medicaid.

The truth is, there was *never* a way to find \$880 billion in cuts without gutting Medicaid and throwing millions of people off their health care. Guthrie voted for a budget that will force seniors to be thrown out of nursing homes, kids with disabilities to go without the support they need, patients fighting cancer to not be able to afford their treatments – and the list goes on and on. Guthrie has been gaslighting Arizonans to try and avoid the backlash he knew would follow from taking life-saving health care away from his constituents in order to fund tax breaks for the wealthy and big corporations. **Read some of his most egregious lies:**

What Brett Guthrie Is Actually Doing In Washington D.C.

- **February 2025: Guthrie Voted To Advance A Budget Resolution Slashing Medicaid Funding By Nearly \$1 Trillion.** On February 25, 2025, Rep. Guthrie [voted](#) to advance a budget resolution directing the House Energy & Commerce committee to [cut](#) \$880 billion in funding – nearly all of which (93 percent) would have to come from Medicaid. The motion [passed](#) the House 217-215, with all but one House Republican voting for the resolution and all House Democrats present opposing.
- **April 2025: Guthrie Voted For A Budget Resolution Slashing Medicaid Funding By Nearly \$1 Trillion.** On April 10, 2025, Rep. Guthrie [voted](#) in favor of a budget resolution directing the House Energy & Commerce committee to [cut](#) \$880 billion in funding – nearly all of which (93 percent) would have to come from Medicaid. The resolution passed the House 216-214, with all but two House Republicans present voting for the resolution and all House Democrats present opposing.

The Consequences For Kentuckians Living In Brett Guthrie's Congressional District (KY-02)

- Brett Guthrie and House Republicans are putting health care at risk for [over 242,469 Kentuckians in the 2nd district](#). Medicaid disproportionately serves children, older people, and people with disabilities, and in Kentucky, this includes:
 - [130,600](#) older Kentuckians
 - [114,100](#) children
 - [850,044](#) working adults

- [293,200](#) non-elderly Kentuckians of color
- [725,000](#) women
- [3 in 7](#) Kentuckians with disabilities
- Cutting Medicaid expansion funding would leave at least **39,200** additional people uninsured and [124 lives would be lost](#) per year in Kentucky's 2nd district.
- **478,900 Kentuckians** with incomes below 138 percent of the poverty level, \$21,597 for an individual, have coverage thanks to the ACA's Medicaid expansion.
- Kentucky has seen an increase in HIV screenings, mammograms, colonoscopies, pelvic exams, preventative dental services, and diabetes screenings following Medicaid expansion.
- [16 rural hospitals](#) are at risk of closing statewide in Kentucky according to a 2025 report.
- [90 percent](#) of Kentuckians in District 2 oppose cutting Medicaid funding.
- Republicans will create at least a [\\$862 million](#) hole in the Kentucky state budget to pay for tax breaks for the wealthy and corporations.

FACT CHECK: The House Budget Resolution Orders Nearly \$1 Trillion In Targeted Cuts – Nearly All of Which Are “Expected To Come From Medicaid.”

- **[CBO](#): Medicaid Outlays Will Account For 93 Percent of House Republicans \$880 Billion In House Energy & Commerce Budget Cuts.** “In CBO’s January 2025 baseline budget projections, mandatory outlays for the accounts that the Members asked about total \$8.8 trillion for the 2025–2034 period. Medicaid outlays account for \$8.2 trillion, or 93 percent, of that amount.” [Congressional Budget Office, “Mandatory Spending Under the Jurisdiction of the House Committee on Energy and Commerce,” [3/5/25](#)]
- **[KFF](#):** “The House Energy & Commerce Committee (which has jurisdiction over Medicaid) is instructed to reduce the federal deficit by at least \$880 billion over 10 years, with nearly all those cuts expected to come from Medicaid.” [KFF, [4/10/25](#)]
- **[The New York Times](#):** “Mathematically, the budget committee’s instructions mean the committee would need to make major cuts to either Medicare, Medicaid or both. Congressional leadership has been signaling that Medicaid has been the main focus. ... If the budget resolution is going to become public policy, it will require legislation that cuts health programs.” [The New York Times, [2/25/25](#)]

- **[The Washington Post](#)**: “The House-passed budget proposal pretty clearly requires cutting Medicaid, and that’s a big political problem. ... Republicans will need to get more specific if they want to pay for extending Trump’s tax cuts. And both the math and their comments make clear that will involve significant Medicaid cuts.” [The Washington Post, [2/26/25](#)]
- **[New York Magazine](#)**: “Republicans are using their traditional tactic of not acknowledging that Medicaid cuts are Medicaid cuts.” [New York Magazine, [2/25/25](#)]
- **[Letter from Eight House Republicans](#)**: “The House Budget Resolution proposed \$880 billion in cuts to programs under the jurisdiction of the House Committee on Energy and Commerce, with Medicaid expected to bear the brunt of these reductions.” [Letter to House Speaker Mike Johnson, “RE: Protecting American Communities in the Budget Reconciliation Process,” [2/19/25](#)]
- **[Sahil Kuper, NBC News](#)**: “[The Republican budget] tells Energy & Commerce Cmte, which oversees Medicaid, to find cuts of \$880 billion. Republicans openly say spending less on Medicaid will be part of that.” [Sahil Kuper, X, [2/25/25](#)]