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GOP Medicaid Cuts Wreak Havoc Across All 50 States

The GOP's Big, Ugly Bill Cut \$1 Trillion From Medicaid to Bankroll Tax Breaks for Corporations and the Wealthy — Forcing Seniors, Moms, and Kids Across the Country to Pay the Price

Donald Trump and Congressional Republicans sparked a full-scale health care crisis by making the largest health care cuts in history. It was a calculated decision to slash [\\$1 trillion](#) from Medicaid and the Affordable Care Act (ACA) to fund tax breaks for billionaires and big corporations. Despite [overwhelming opposition](#) from across the political spectrum, [including](#) voters who say backing Medicaid cuts is a “dealbreaker” for their vote, Republicans went ahead anyway.

The consequences are already tearing through communities nationwide. [More than 15 million](#) Americans are at risk of losing coverage, and [nearly 900](#) hospitals, clinics, nursing homes, and other critical providers are closing, cutting essential services, or are at risk of closing. At the same time, families are being hit with skyrocketing premiums, higher out-of-pocket costs, and fewer choices for care, forcing impossible decisions: groceries, rent, or life-saving coverage. And as Republican lawmakers face backlash for their devastating votes, they are only continuing to try to cut health care to fund the war in the Middle East, ICE, and more billionaire tax breaks.

As the fallout multiplies exponentially, states are reckoning with a crisis they did not create. In order to implement the law’s requirements designed to kick families off their coverage, states are being forced to make painful tradeoffs, spend millions, consider hiking taxes to save hospitals, cut vital services for seniors and kids with disabilities, and even consider repealing Medicaid expansion altogether. Despite the best efforts of state officials, Republican cuts are making health care costs skyrocket and resulting in millions of hardworking Americans losing their coverage.

By the Numbers

Since Trump and Republicans in Congress passed the largest cuts to Medicaid in history:

- [Three million](#) Americans have already lost their Medicaid coverage and [millions more](#) will lose coverage in the years to come – including [seniors](#), [children](#), and [veterans](#).
- [98 percent](#) of people who are estimated to lose coverage are predicted to lose their health care due to policies that have nothing to do with immigration status.
- Nearly [900 hospitals and clinics](#) across all 50 states are at risk of cuts or closure.
- Kids with special health care needs are [losing access to the care](#) they count on.
- States and localities are [hiking taxes](#) in a high-stakes effort to save local hospitals.
- Consulting companies are being [showered in taxpayer dollars](#) for kicking millions of working Americans off health coverage to bankroll tax breaks for the wealthy.
- [Half a dozen states](#) are cutting or reevaluating coverage of lifesaving drugs.
- States are being forced to [slash dental benefits](#) from low-income Americans.
- [Millions](#) are going without coverage in states where Medicaid expansion is off the table.

- States are looking at a median [\\$10 billion loss](#) in federal funding.
- [Two-thirds](#) of states are staring down a potential Medicaid funding shortfall.
- States are projected to lose [one million jobs](#) and over [\\$150 billion](#) in GDP in 2029.

GOP Medicaid Cuts Are Sweeping the Nation, Throwing Millions off Their Coverage

State	10-Year Federal Medicaid Funding Cut	% Baseline 10-Year Federal Medicaid Funding Cut	Predicted Increase in Uninsured (By 2034)
United States	\$911 billion	14%	7,500,000
Alabama	\$3 billion	4%	18,000
Alaska	\$2 billion	11%	22,000
Arizona	\$34 billion	18%	290,000
Arkansas	\$8 billion	11%	93,000
California	\$150 billion	17%	1,300,000
Colorado	\$12 billion	14%	130,000
Connecticut	\$11 billion	15%	110,000
Delaware	\$4 billion	14%	32,000
D.C.	\$3 billion	9%	29,000
Florida	\$14 billion	5%	65,000
Georgia	\$8 billion	6%	32,000
Hawaii	\$4 billion	15%	35,000
Idaho	\$3 billion	9%	30,000
Illinois	\$46 billion	19%	400,000
Indiana	\$20 billion	13%	180,000
Iowa	\$9 billion	17%	68,000
Kansas	\$3 billion	9%	12,000
Kentucky	\$22 billion	15%	200,000

Louisiana	\$27 billion	20%	230,000
Maine	\$3 billion	8%	28,000
Maryland	\$14 billion	12%	140,000
Massachusetts	\$17 billion	11%	140,000
Michigan	\$32 billion	17%	260,000
Minnesota	\$19 billion	15%	150,000
Mississippi	\$3 billion	6%	14,000
Missouri	\$14 billion	12%	130,000
Montana	\$3 billion	14%	34,000
Nebraska	\$3 billion	11%	30,000
Nevada	\$8 billion	19%	83,000
New Hampshire	\$2 billion	15%	18,000
New Jersey	\$29 billion	18%	240,000
New Mexico	\$10 billion	13%	80,000
New York	\$102 billion	16%	760,000
North Carolina	\$23 billion	11%	220,000
North Dakota	\$1 billion	11%	16,000
Ohio	\$33 billion	13%	290,000
Oklahoma	\$13 billion	16%	110,000
Oregon	\$22 billion	19%	190,000
Pennsylvania	\$46 billion	15%	340,000
Rhode Island	\$4 billion	16%	33,000
South Carolina	\$4 billion	6%	17,000
South Dakota	\$846 million	9%	9,000
Tennessee	\$7 billion	7%	24,000

Texas	\$31 billion	8%	110,000
Utah	\$5 billion	14%	48,000
Vermont	\$2 billion	10%	14,000
Virginia	\$29 billion	18%	260,000
Washington	\$37 billion	18%	350,000
West Virginia	\$5 billion	11%	54,000
Wisconsin	\$7 billion	8%	54,000
Wyoming	\$184 million	4%	0

Source: [KFF](#), [KFF](#)

Diving Deeper Into the Catastrophic Consequences of GOP Medicaid Cuts

Since assuming office, Donald Trump and Republicans in Congress have wielded their power to launch a full assault on Medicaid — a lifeline for nearly [70 million](#) working-class Americans. Republicans ransacked nearly \$1 trillion from the program to [hand out tax breaks](#) to corporations and billionaires, and now Americans across the country are [paying the price](#). If driving up health care costs wasn't enough, GOP cuts are spiraling budgets into chaos and resulting in countless Americans losing lifesaving benefits, getting kicked off coverage, paying more in taxes, and getting stranded miles away from the care they need. At a time when health care costs [top](#) Americans' affordability concerns, gutting Medicaid is a reckless betrayal of the American people, and no one but President Trump and Republicans in Congress is to blame.

GOP Medicaid Cuts Are Shuttering Hospitals, Clinics, and Nursing Homes

The American health care system is on life support after Donald Trump and Congressional Republicans decimated [over half a trillion](#) in critical hospital funding through their Medicaid cuts. [Nearly 900](#) hospitals, clinics, and nursing homes have shut down, cut services, or are at risk of doing so after GOP policies gutted Medicaid — [forcing Americans](#) to travel further for maternity care and emergency rooms, face longer wait times, and pay more for their care. Medicaid accounts for [one-fifth](#) of spending on hospitals, [one-fifth](#) of hospital discharges, and at least [one in five](#) inpatient days in nearly every state. Medicaid is also the largest payer of [maternal health](#), [mental health](#), and [nursing home care](#) in the country. Due to GOP cuts, states are being cornered into reducing [provider payments](#), making it more likely

that health care facilities that provide a lifeline to communities will be forced to shutter, [cut services](#), or [stop accepting Medicaid](#). Cash-strapped hospitals, emergency departments, and maternity wards have already begun to close in [48 states](#) across the country since Republicans passed their big, ugly bill, leaving thousands in their communities without reliable care.

- **From California to Maine, Hospitals and Clinics Serving Medicaid Patients Are Being Hit With Reduced Payment Rates That Make It Harder to Keep Their Doors Open.** A survey of state Medicaid directors found that [cuts to Medicaid provider payments are racking up](#) across the country. Medicaid payment cuts are hitting primary care doctors and OB/GYNs in Idaho, Indiana, and Maine. Health care providers across the board in Idaho were hit with a 4 percent payment cut for all services. In California, public hospitals are seeing an average Medicaid payment rate decrease of 13.4 percent. Hospitals in Maryland and Massachusetts are also being paid less for services. Payments for primary care services, mental health, dental health, and nursing home care in Washington State have been reduced. California and Colorado were forced to forgo planned rate increases.
- **Restrictions on Provider Taxes, a Key Mechanism for States to Generate Funds to Pay Providers, Are Already Impacting Multiple States.** These restrictions will cut federal funding for state Medicaid programs by an estimated [\\$226 billion](#), making it one of the GOP's deepest Medicaid cuts. According to KFF's [survey](#) of state Medicaid directors, six states have already reported plans to decrease one or more provider taxes in FY 2026 — which will reduce how much federal funding those states are able to draw down to pay providers. For example, Idaho is planning to decrease its tax on intermediate care facilities for individuals with intellectual disabilities, and Pennsylvania is planning to decrease its nursing facility tax. [31 states](#) will be forced to curtail this critical funding starting in 2028, which will likely lead to further reductions to provider payments.
- **Families in Rural and Urban Communities Are Ultimately Paying The Price.** Over a dozen hospitals and 250 clinics have [shuttered](#) since the passage of the big, ugly bill. In Jersey City, New Jersey, a hospital that had supported the community for [over 150 years](#) shuttered under the pressure of Medicaid cuts, leaving a city of nearly 300,000 with only one emergency room. In rural Farmville, Virginia, moms are [driving an hour or more](#) for prenatal appointments since the closure of their local OB/GYN unit. In Wilmington, North Carolina, a woman with epilepsy is having trouble getting her seizure medication after her [local clinic shuttered](#). Thanks to GOP cuts, this is only the beginning.

GOP Medicaid Cuts Are Ripping Away Lifesaving Support from Kids with Disabilities and Seniors

GOP Medicaid cuts are ripping away health care from people and families who need it most. [Over 70 million](#) Americans have a disability, and [over a third](#) of them are covered by Medicaid. Medicaid pro-

vides [critical services](#) that would otherwise be out of reach, such as speech therapy, caretakers, and medical equipment, such as wheelchairs and feeding tubes. For many people with disabilities and the families caring for them, Medicaid is the only program standing between them and poverty. Now, GOP cuts are putting their benefits at [unprecedented risk](#) because many benefits, such as home care, medical equipment like hearing aids and cochlear implants, and rehabilitation services, are considered optional for states to cover. These cuts have already started to hit families in places like [Idaho](#) and [Colorado](#).

- **GOP Cuts Put Home and Community-Based Care on the Chopping Block, Forcing Seniors and Children Into Nursing Homes and Institutions.** Medicaid ensured over [5 million people](#) could get the care they needed to live at home, including children with disabilities and seniors. Medicaid is the largest payer of home care and pays for [70 percent](#) of all home care in the country. [Two-thirds](#) of people who rely on Medicaid for long-term care prefer home-based care to nursing facilities. However, since home-based care is an optional benefit for Medicaid programs, it is usually one of the first benefits to come under fire. When faced with budget pressure in the past, [all states](#) were forced to cut people off from home care services (40 states) and/or cut the benefits or payment rates for providers (47 states). Nearly a [third](#) of states reported planning to adopt new strategies in FY 2026 to contain home care costs, according to data from KFF's [2025 survey](#) of Medicaid home care officials. [GOP-driven cuts to home-based care](#) will leave people with no other option than being forced into nursing homes at a time the Trump administration [rolled back](#) nursing home standards, after the industry donated [\\$4.8 million](#) to Trump's super PAC.
- **Children with Autism Are Losing Access to Treatment That Helps Them Live Independent Lives.** Due to GOP cuts, states from [Nebraska to North Carolina](#) have been forced to cut or consider cuts for a type of therapy that is considered the "[gold standard](#)" for autism care: applied behavioral analysis (ABA) therapy. ABA therapy helps children improve their social interactions and communication and build their confidence to attend school and carry out daily activities. Now, families around the country are living in fear that their children won't get the help they need to live independent lives. In Arizona, Kim Powell's four-year-old son Teddy was cut off from his ABA treatment after their Medicaid plan was unable to come to an agreement with their provider over a rate cut. Payments for some ABA providers in Nebraska were cut by nearly [half](#). Payment reductions and caps are also on the table in Colorado, North Carolina, and Indiana, among other states. Families across the country are paying the real price of GOP cuts.
- **GOP Medicaid Cuts Are Threatening the Livelihood of Families Caring for Loved Ones with Disabilities.** When caregivers have to give up their jobs in order to care for their parents, children, and loved ones, Medicaid's long-term services and support (LTSS) programs play the critical role of helping families stay afloat by [compensating](#) caregivers for the care they provide. [11 million](#) Americans are paid through government programs to care for elderly or disabled family members.

47 states and the District of Columbia have programs to provide payment to caregivers through Medicaid waivers or state plan options. These generally come in the form of hourly wages or daily stipends comparable to those of other direct care providers. These programs have been crucial to ensuring people with ALS, seniors with dementia, and kids with developmental disabilities can get the care and around-the-clock attention they need without families having to give up having an income to provide it. Now, GOP Medicaid cuts are endangering their lives. In Arizona, “families [fear](#) financial ruin, homelessness, as new disability care restrictions loom. New age-based limits blind-side parents who quit their jobs to care for their disabled children.” In Colorado, caps on caregiver hours will devastate families like [Tammi Moore](#)’s, whose 20-year-old son with significant medical needs requires 24-hour care.

Kids, People with Disabilities, and the Elderly Suffer the Brunt of Medicaid Cuts

State	Share of Children w/ Medicaid or CHIP w/ Special Health Care Needs, 2024	Share of Medicaid Enrollees Who Reported a Disability, 2024	Share Of Medicaid Enrollees Aged 65+, 2023
United States	35%	23%	10%
Alabama	34%	26%	11%
Alaska	41%	25%	8%
Arizona	33%	23%	11%
Arkansas	35%	27%	10%
California	25%	19%	12%
Colorado	37%	22%	8%
Connecticut	35%	21%	8%
Delaware	38%	24%	12%
DC	42%	24%	9%
Florida	30%	25%	9%
Georgia	35%	22%	12%
Hawaii	20%	20%	7%

Idaho	34%	26%	10%
Illinois	32%	21%	6%
Indiana	35%	26%	13%
Iowa	41%	23%	14%
Kansas	40%	26%	12%
Kentucky	42%	28%	10%
Louisiana	40%	23%	11%
Maine	44%	32%	9%
Maryland	29%	21%	8%
Massachusetts	36%	24%	8%
Michigan	40%	25%	11%
Minnesota	37%	22%	7%
Mississippi	36%	27%	8%
Missouri	48%	25%	8%
Montana	37%	26%	8%
Nebraska	34%	24%	13%
Nevada	33%	23%	9%
New Hampshire	50%	31%	9%
New Jersey	29%	19%	7%
New Mexico	31%	22%	8%
New York	34%	22%	11%
North Carolina	32%	23%	9%
North Dakota	43%	29%	8%
Ohio	39%	26%	7%
Oklahoma	36%	24%	8%

Oregon	34%	25%	8%
Pennsylvania	48%	28%	15%
Rhode Island	38%	24%	11%
South Carolina	41%	23%	8%
South Dakota	46%	28%	8%
Tennessee	35%	24%	5%
Texas	43%	23%	9%
Utah	39%	25%	7%
Vermont	41%	27%	7%
Virginia	39%	23%	14%
Washington	35%	24%	8%
West Virginia	38%	32%	9%
Wisconsin	40%	26%	9%
Wyoming	44%	29%	10%

Source: [KFE](#), [KFF](#), [KFF](#)

GOP Medicaid Cuts Are Handing Millions to Consulting Firms to Kick People off Health Care

The deepest cuts to Medicaid funding are known as “work requirements.” They are just a way to take away Medicaid from [millions of people](#) to bankroll over [\\$320 billion](#) in tax breaks for corporations and the wealthy. The vast majority of people on Medicaid who can work [already do](#). Work requirements [do not](#) boost employment and have been a [disaster](#) in every state that has implemented them. They have led to states spending [more](#) on administrative costs than on health care, [thousands](#) unnecessarily losing their coverage, and consulting firms [pocketing](#) the cash. Yet, 42 states are now being forced by the federal government to follow in their footsteps and spend millions in taxpayer money to kick low-income residents off their health care. On May 1st, 2026, Nebraska will become [the first state](#) since Georgia and Arkansas to implement work requirements.

- **“Work Requirements” Were Disasters in the States That Implemented Them.** In 2018, Arkansas implemented work requirements. In just five months, over [18,000](#) Arkansans lost their

health coverage, many of whom worked low-wage jobs and/or had serious health conditions. Evidence [showed](#) the work requirements did nothing to increase employment. A year and a half into Georgia's work requirements experiment, after spending [\\$86 million](#) in taxpayer dollars, only [6,500](#) Georgians were able to obtain health care — less than a quarter of the state estimated for the first year. The program spent [twice as much](#) on administrative costs as on health care, lined [Deloitte's](#) pockets, and [failed](#) to improve employment.

- **Coverage Will Get Ripped Away from Working People.** About [one in three people on Medicaid who work or attend school](#) would not meet the work requirement in the month before applying due to unstable employment – meaning millions of working people on Medicaid will likely lose coverage under the Republicans' new work requirement. In Georgia and Arkansas, there were countless [examples](#) of working people who were denied or lost coverage unnecessarily due to so-called work requirements: In Georgia, Tanisha Corporal, a nonprofit leader and former social worker herself, was repeatedly [denied care](#) despite submitting mountains of records. It took eight months of her fighting the agency to get Medicaid. In Arkansas, Adrian McGonigal held a job working at a poultry plant but struggled to navigate the complex reporting system. He [lost](#) his Medicaid, couldn't afford his COPD medications, and ended up in the ER multiple times. He passed away last November. Tanisha and Adrian were [not alone](#).
- **States Are Paying Consulting Firms Millions to Comply With GOP Cuts and Kick Millions of Americans off Medicaid Rolls.** States are paying contractors such as Deloitte and Optum millions of dollars to rip health care away from [millions](#). The systems set up by these contractors are [known](#) to have errors that can cut eligible people off from health care, but the companies are still raking in contracts in light of the big, ugly bill. According to KFF Health News, company estimates in five states alone added up to [\\$45.6 million](#) combined. State implementation administrative costs [range](#) from \$6 million in New Hampshire to \$271 million in Kentucky. According to CBO, [5.3 million](#) people on Medicaid will have their coverage ripped away by work requirements by 2034.
- **GOP Medicaid Cuts Caused States to Restrict Medicaid Eligibility.** Multiple states were forced to reduce Medicaid spending through eligibility restrictions in fiscal year 2026 due to GOP cuts. California [reinstated](#) asset limits for eligibility for long-term care benefits for adults 65 and older on Medicaid or people with a disability. D.C. [reduced](#) Medicaid income limits to 138% of the federal poverty limit for certain enrollees. A few states are [planning](#) to cancel or postpone one or more projects or initiatives, such as pre-release coverage for individuals who are incarcerated. Many states have ended programs that used state, not federal, funds to ensure all Americans have access to coverage regardless of immigration status.

GOP Medicaid Cuts Are Leaving Millions Stranded Without Medicaid Ex-

pansion

41 states and D.C. [expanded](#) Medicaid under the Affordable Care Act, providing health care to an additional 21 million Americans. Research [shows](#) Medicaid expansion improves people's health, keeps hospitals open, increases families' financial security, and saves lives. However, Republicans' big, ugly bill [removes](#) critical financial incentive for states to expand Medicaid and punishes states that expanded Medicaid with deeper cuts, making it unlikely for states that haven't already done so to make the move. To date, Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kansas, Mississippi, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Wisconsin, and Wyoming have [not](#) expanded Medicaid. According to CBPP, if these ten states finally adopted Medicaid expansion, [2.7 million](#) fewer Americans would be forced to go without health care. Due to GOP cuts, Medicaid expansion is less likely, leaving Americans in the coverage gap in the dust.

- **In Many States, Medicaid Expansion Is Now Off the Table.** Medicaid expansion is [“off the table completely”](#) in Alabama, meaning nearly [200,000](#) additional Alabamians making as little as [\\$2,800](#) a year will be forced to go without health care and rural hospitals in Alabama will be [62 percent](#) more likely to close. Governor Laura Kelly has pushed for Kansas to expand Medicaid for seven years in a row. This year, after the GOP cuts, she [said](#), “There’s no way in hell we’re going to get Medicaid expansion this year.” Efforts to expand Medicaid have [evaporated](#) in Mississippi following Republicans’ unprecedented cuts to Medicaid. 67,000 Mississippians could have gained coverage through Medicaid expansion.
- **Republicans In Many States Are Using GOP Cuts As An Excuse to Try to Repeal Medicaid Expansion Altogether.** Republicans in Oklahoma are [pushing to remove](#) voter-passed Medicaid expansion from the state’s constitution and give lawmakers the ability to restrict Medicaid eligibility via ballot measure. Republicans in Idaho and South Dakota also attempted to move towards repealing Medicaid expansion and failed. Given the cuts in the big, ugly bill were specifically targeted to punish states for adopting the ACA’s Medicaid expansion, states will face great fiscal and political pressure to undo the progress of Medicaid expansion, especially in red states.

GOP Medicaid Cuts Are Slashing Benefits Such As Prescription Drugs and Dental

The big, ugly bill is resulting in millions of Americans losing access to life-saving prescription drugs such as GLP-1s, facing restrictions in dental coverage, and the end of innovative programs that help families get back up on their feet. [Former state health secretaries](#) predicted that states would be forced to cut services considered optional by federal Medicaid law, such as dental, prescription drug coverage, and behavioral health, in the face of GOP cuts. Given that the low-income Americans who rely on Medicaid are [more likely](#) to struggle with obesity, heart disease, and diabetes, access to lifesaving treatments

such as GLP-1s is critical. Low-income Americans are also [more likely](#) to have cavities, periodontitis, and tooth loss; thanks to Medicaid, dental benefits have been extended to many low-income Americans in 28 states. However, in light of the GOP passing the largest cuts to Medicaid in history, many Americans across those states are losing access to these lifesaving benefits – benefits that would likely end up saving money on preventable emergency department visits and treatment for chronic conditions that often arise when obesity and dental issues are left unaddressed:

- **President Trump Claims to Be Making Weight Loss Drugs Cheaper, But His Policies Leave Those Who Need Them Most In the Lurch.** [California](#), [New Hampshire](#), [Pennsylvania](#), [North Carolina](#), and [South Carolina](#) all eliminated Medicaid coverage of GLP-1s for obesity treatment in January 2026 in the wake of GOP Medicaid cuts. An estimated over [half a million](#) Californians lost access to the GLP-1 drugs at the beginning of 2026. Michigan Medicaid is set to [limit](#) coverage to people who are “morbidly obese” starting next year. Rhode Island’s proposed FY 2027 budget calls for [dropping](#) GLP-1 coverage for weight loss. Pennsylvania and Wisconsin are also [considering](#) new restrictions.
- **GOP Cuts Are Slashing Dental Services for Low-Income Americans.** Dental care is health care, but thanks to GOP cuts, people on Medicaid in [California](#) and [Colorado](#) are already seeing their dental services get slashed. States that expanded Medicaid dental benefits saw fewer dental-related ER visits — a number that will undoubtedly climb as more states roll back benefits.
- **GOP Cuts Are Forcing Low-Income Americans to Pay More for Their Care.** Starting in 2028, 20 million people on Medicaid will be subject to cost sharing that will force low-income families making as little as \$33,000 a year to pay up to [\\$1,650](#) in increased out-of-pocket costs. Some states are already getting a head start on cost sharing since the big, ugly bill allows and encourages states that have expanded Medicaid to [hike out-of-pocket costs](#) on low-income people by allowing them to do so without submitting requests to the federal government and by gutting federal funding, leaving states holding the bag. Since the big, ugly bill, [Montana](#) and [New Hampshire](#) have already taken steps to start charging their Medicaid enrollees premiums, which research suggests [adds to state administrative burdens](#) and may not offset the costs. When [Arkansas](#) introduced Medicaid cost sharing, it increased spending by \$30 per enrollee per month.

GOP Medicaid Cuts Are Burdening Americans with New State and Local Taxes

Communities are so desperate to save their local hospitals in the wake of the big, ugly bill that counties from [California](#) to [Minnesota](#) to [Alabama](#) are instituting higher property taxes to fund infusions to stop their hospitals from closing. Once millions begin to lose their health care due to paperwork designed to

rip away their coverage and deep cuts to provider taxes and state-directed payments take effect in 2027 and 2028, the crisis will only worsen, leaving millions of Americans picking up the tab for federal cuts.

- **From Alabama to California, People Are Paying Higher Local Taxes to Make Up for Medicaid Cuts.** Residents of a rural county in southwestern Alabama are paying [higher property taxes](#) to prevent their local hospitals from shuttering. Minnesotans are paying [higher property taxes](#) to make up for federal Medicaid cuts. California's Santa Clara County [approved](#) tax hikes to fund hospitals after federal Medicaid cuts. Another ballot measure to do the same in [Contra Costa County](#) is underway.
- **Still More Health Care Providers Are Begging States to Enact New Taxes to Help Them Stay Afloat, Since the Rural Health Fund Does Little to Nothing to Help.** Lawmakers in Minnesota are weighing an increase in [sales tax](#) to prevent Hennepin County Medical Center, a [major trauma center](#) in Minneapolis, from closing. A network of community health clinics in Los Angeles County is pushing for a new [sales tax](#) for more funding after Congress gutted Medicaid, the program 80 percent of their patients relied on. The proposal will be on the ballot this June.

No State Is Safe From the Economic Fallout of GOP Medicaid Cuts

GOP Medicaid cuts are estimated to shrink state budgets by [\\$664 billion](#) over the next decade. Meanwhile, the cost of health care continues to rise unchecked under the Trump administration, state tax collections are lagging, and millions of Americans will still need health care. Since Medicaid usually accounts for nearly [a third](#) of states' annual budgets, cuts to Medicaid will have widespread effects on state resources available to fund any number of critical services from health care to housing to [education](#). States are looking at a median [\\$10 billion loss](#) in federal funding and [two thirds](#) of states are staring down a potential Medicaid funding shortfall. Connecticut was forced to set aside [half a billion](#) in rainy day funds to make up for the cuts. Though the rainy day funds were originally meant for emergencies such as a pandemic, the state was forced to dip into them because of the GOP-manufactured disaster. Medicaid cuts also have downstream effects on the economy, state and local tax revenue, and employment, since health care [employs more people than any other industry](#) in the country. Commonwealth Fund estimated that Medicaid cuts in the House-passed bill, which were only deepened in the final legislation, would lead state economies to lose [\\$125 billion](#) in gross domestic product (GDP) and [\\$9 billion](#) in state and local tax revenue in 2029. The analysis also estimated [one million jobs](#), including half a million health care jobs, would be lost in 2029 alone as a result.

The Worst of Medicaid Cuts Is Yet to Come, Full Impact Remains to Be Seen

The GOP health care crisis is just beginning. Republicans knew cutting \$1 trillion from Medicaid to give tax breaks to the wealthy and powerful would be hugely unpopular, so they delayed some of the deepest cuts to Medicaid so that some of the biggest damage would hit communities after the 2026 midterm elections. Though communities across America are already feeling the pain through losses in coverage, closures of hospitals, and cuts to care, the situation will only get worse in 2027 and 2028 when work requirements, cuts to provider taxes, and cuts to state-directed payments kick in. When those cuts begin to hit state budgets, no one will be spared.

Who Are the Millions of Americans Paying the Price for GOP Medicaid Cuts?

In **Ottumwa, Iowa**, Sam is at risk of losing Andy, the caregiver who has worked with him since he was in fourth grade, because his home care coverage is being gutted by GOP cuts. If his family loses their court battle, Sam will be ripped away from his family and forced to be institutionalized in another state. Nationwide, there are [2 million Sams](#) — those who rely on Medicaid to receive affordable, at-home care but are now having the rug pulled out from under them.

“These are real people, real families, and this causes real suffering when you do this to people,” said his mother, Leisa.” [\[KFF Health News\]](#)



Photo Taken from KFF

In **Alexander, North Carolina**, Gaile relies on Medicaid to get her 3-year-old daughter with autism, Aubreigh, the care she needs. Just under a year into therapy, Aubreigh began improving her on controlling outbursts and self-harm so much that she could start preschool. *“That’s what ABA is giving us: moments of normalcy,”* Gaile Osborne said.”

Following GOP Medicaid cuts, Aubreigh’s access to ABA therapy was cut in half. [\[NPR\]](#)



Photo Taken from NPR

In **Greenville, North Carolina**, Kaelyn Sutton and Brittany Spellman are distraught after the women’s

health center, which served their community for 40 long-standing years, shuttered. Kaelyn has relied on the clinic since she was 13 years old, and Brittany is concerned for expectant mothers whose care is disappearing.



Photo Taken from WITN

“It [the clinic] gave me my life back,” Sutton said. ‘I was in extreme pain, and she was the first doctor to actually like listen to me and tell me that that much pain is not normal and she gave me a medication that saved my life.’” [WITN]



Photo Taken from WITN

“I think it’s really unfortunate, it’s a great doctors office, the doctors here are great so it’s really sad to see them closing especially in just a few months,” Brittany Spellman said. ‘You know for those of us that are due later in the month, we’ll have to find new providers so that kind of sucks, but it was unfortunate hearing about the news.’” [WITN]

In Colorado Springs, Colorado, Susan Root works 16-hour days caring for her daughter, Amy, who is paralyzed and has complex medical needs. But because Trump gutted Medicaid, parents like Susan will [soon lose](#) critical income that keeps her family afloat.

“I do it full time, whether I get paid or I don’t get paid,” Root said, ‘because (Amy) has to have care.’” [The Denver Post]



Photo Taken from The Denver Post

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