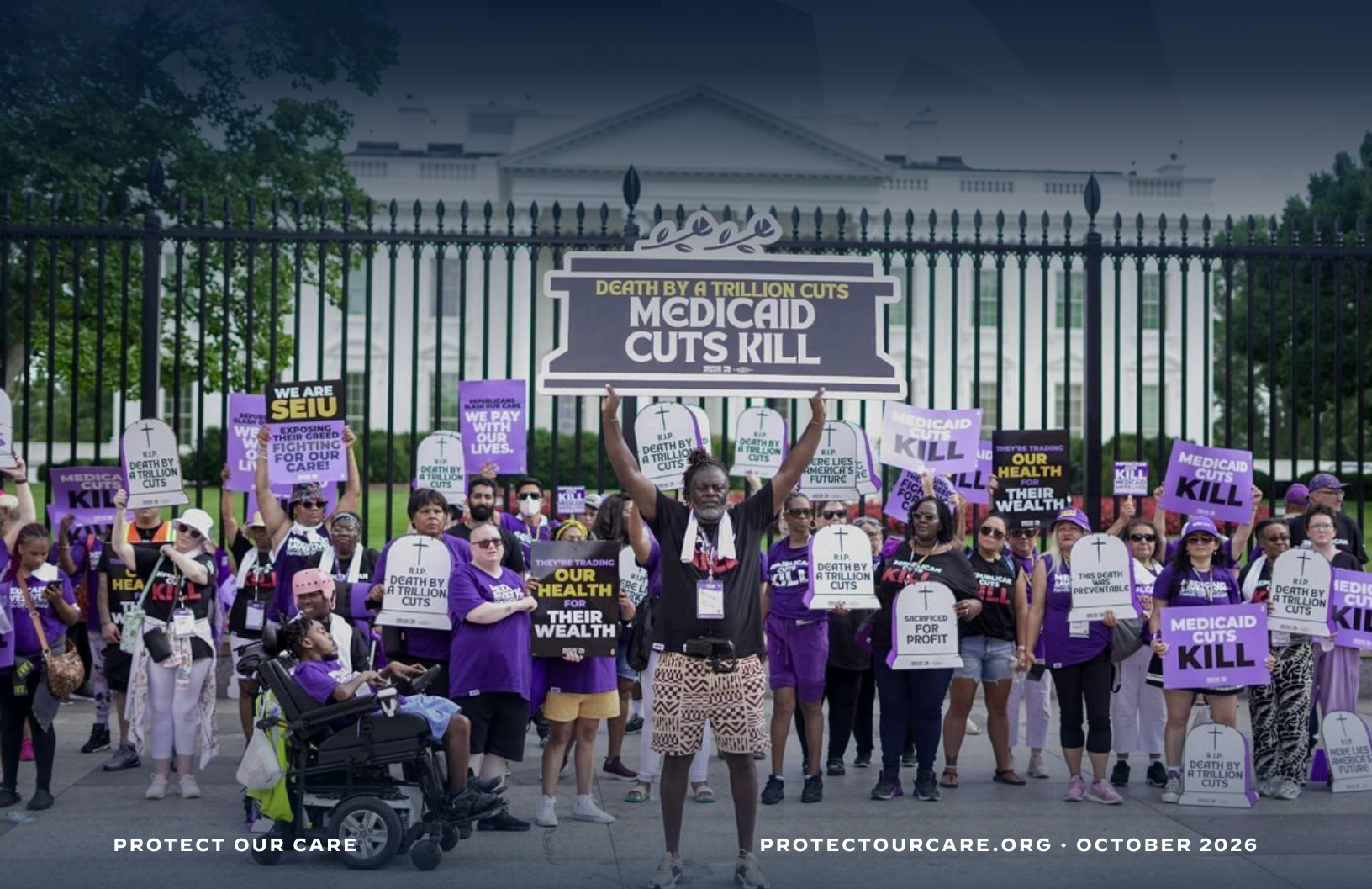


THIS IS A HEALTH CARE ELECTION

GOP cuts are rippling across the nation — and families are living with the fallout. The question for voters is no longer what Republicans might do to health care, but what their agenda has already cost them.



WHAT'S AT STAKE

With just one week until the 2026 midterm elections, health care is shaping up to be Republicans' biggest political liability – voters are worried about what care costs and whether they can keep their coverage, and Republicans are struggling to defend a record that is making people's lives harder.

On July 3, 2025, Republicans made the largest cut to Medicaid in American history – taking health care from seniors in nursing homes, sick kids, and communities relying on rural hospitals. They ripped away tax credits that made coverage affordable, causing premiums to more than double for working families. Poll after poll shows Americans accumulating medical debt, skipping appointments, and rationing prescriptions as costs skyrocket.

8 MILLION

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1,250+

hospitals & providers shuttered, cutting services, or at risk of closure

22 MILLION

people hit with premiums that are doubling, tripling, even quadrupling

In just one year, eight million Americans have lost their health coverage. More than 1,250 hospitals, nursing homes, maternity wards, and other critical providers have shuttered, face closure, or have cut essential services. And it's only getting worse: strict new Medicaid eligibility restrictions will soon strip coverage from millions more and force states to cut home care for seniors and people with disabilities.

Health care was on the ballot, and health care won.

– SPEAKER EMERITA NANCY PELOSI, ON THE 2018 BLUE WAVE

Voters have seen this fight before, but the stakes are different now. In 2018, the Republican effort to dismantle the Affordable Care Act fueled a blue wave that flipped the House. This time, Republicans aren't just threatening to take health care away – they have already done it, and families and communities are living with the fallout.

HEALTH CARE IS A HOT-BUTTON ISSUE ON THE CAMPAIGN TRAIL

Republicans hoped to put off addressing their health care cuts until after the election. But with nearly 8 million people losing coverage and millions more seeing premiums skyrocket, voters are heading to the ballot box with health care at the top of their minds – and the GOP is scrambling to spin its record.



Republicans are lying about their health care record in campaign ads. Ads in competitive races boast that Republicans are “protecting health care.” Nationwide, Republicans have spent \$400 million more on ads than Democrats, with \$141 million focused solely on health care. Representatives David Valadao (CA-22) and Mike Lawler (NY-17) are running ads claiming they protect Medicaid and Medicare – even though they voted for the cuts in H.R. 1. In California and New York, 1.7 million and 550,000 people respectively have already lost Medicaid/CHIP or ACA coverage.

Democrats are calling out Republicans’ records in debates. Senator Susan Collins was called out for advancing H.R. 1 out of committee; she took credit for \$190 million in rural hospital funding but didn’t mention Maine will lose an estimated \$2.6 billion in Medicaid funding from the same bill. In Michigan, Will Lawrence told the story of a mechanic whose premiums skyrocketed thanks to Rep. Tom Barrett’s (MI-07) vote. In Pennsylvania, Gov. Josh Shapiro called out his opponent, Stacy Garrity, for urging Washington to pass the H.R. 1 tax cuts that will cost hundreds of thousands of Pennsylvanians their health care.

REPUBLICANS GUTTED HEALTH CARE – AND MILLIONS ARE PAYING THE PRICE

To bankroll tax breaks for billionaires and big corporations, the GOP passed the largest health care cuts in history – gutting nearly \$1 trillion from Medicaid. This year, the Trump administration proposed ripping away an additional \$681 billion from hospitals. These cuts hit everyone, no matter how they get their insurance, as prices soar and lifesaving care moves further out of reach.

In just one year, 8 million people have lost coverage. Between Medicaid, CHIP, and the ACA Marketplace, 8 million people have already lost coverage since H.R. 1 passed. Medicaid and CHIP enrollment has fallen from 80.8 million to 76 million – a loss of over 5 million people – while ACA enrollment has dropped by more than 2.6 million, from 21.8 million to 19.2 million.

Everyone pays the price. The cuts will rip health care away from over 15 million Americans – including seniors, children, veterans, and people with disabilities. As hospitals absorb spikes in uncompensated care for uninsured patients, they pass those costs on. Even families with job-based insurance will face higher hospital prices, higher premiums, and higher out-of-pocket costs.

HOSPITALS ARE BUCKLING UNDER THE CUTS

Over 1,250 hospitals, clinics, and nursing homes have shut down, cut services, or are at risk. 43% of hospitals are operating in the red. By the numbers:

~450	hospitals at risk of cuts or closure
~100	hospital wards already shuttered – from maternity to pediatric units
375+	clinics forced to close their doors
24	hospitals closed or announced closure
100s	nursing homes at risk of cuts or closure
—	multiple hospitals downgraded to standalone emergency departments

Work requirements will throw millions off their coverage. H.R. 1 imposes work-reporting requirements on the entire Medicaid expansion population – even though 9 in 10 of these

adults already work or qualify for an exemption. The rules create bureaucratic obstacles for people with cancer, HIV, and diabetes, and are designed to throw as many people off coverage as possible. By 2034, when fully implemented, an estimated 9.2 million people will have lost their Medicaid coverage.



HEALTH CARE COSTS ARE SKYROCKETING FOR EVERYONE

The GOP ripped away the premium tax credits that let 22 million Americans afford ACA Marketplace coverage – prioritizing tax breaks for billionaires instead. When millions are pushed off coverage and forced into emergency rooms for expensive care, the burden of uncompensated care skyrockets and costs spike for everyone.

Over 22 million people face doubled, tripled, even quadrupled premiums. Republicans triggered premium hikes that are doubling, tripling, and even quadrupling costs for 22 million people, forcing gut-wrenching choices between health care, food, and rent.

Millions were priced out of real coverage. GOP hikes forced families to settle for bronze plans with thousands in out-of-pocket costs. Before the cuts, low-income families could get silver plans for \$0. Now nearly 2 million more people are in bronze plans, silver enrollment has hit record lows, and families are paying 37% – over \$1,000 – more out of pocket before insurance kicks in.



Employer-based premiums are soaring, too. Roughly 150 million Americans get coverage through their jobs – and this year employer premiums rose by nearly double digits, more than three times the rate of inflation. As hospitals shift the cost of uncompensated care, people with job-based insurance pay more, and small businesses are giving up on offering coverage at all.

And next year will be worse. Employers expect costs to rise another 11.1% in 2027 after a 10% jump in 2026 – more than 20% in just two years under Trump and Republicans. ACA premiums are expected to climb another 15% for the roughly 19 million people still enrolled.

TRUMP'S DRUG-PRICE PROMISES ARE A SHAM

While Trump waves misleading headlines on drug prices in front of reporters, millions of families are rationing doses, skipping refills, and draining savings to afford prescriptions. A record 43% of Americans say they can't afford to take their medications as prescribed – and Trump has sold them out to pad Big Pharma's pockets at every turn.

Trump is in the pocket of Big Pharma. After Trump returned to office, drugmakers raked in record revenue. Under H.R. 1, he handed big drug companies a multibillion-dollar loophole to escape price negotiations – including a \$9 billion bailout that carved lifesaving cancer drugs like Keytruda and Opdivo out of Medicare negotiation. He also killed a program letting seniors buy generics for \$2 and handed the industry an extra \$15 billion tax break.

TrumpRx was designed to fail. Trump claims his dressed-up coupon site saves Americans “1000%” and “\$500 billion.” The truth: GoodRx, the vendor behind TrumpRx, admitted its “utilization appears to be incremental” with “no material impact.” Prices for drugs like Ozempic run twice as high as in the UK and Australia, purchases don't count toward deductibles, and experts warn families could lose hundreds by being funneled toward brand-name drugs.

Trump sold out seniors to protect industry profits. He exempted the companies behind 90% of the brand-name drug market from his forthcoming Medicare demonstrations – slashing the expected savings from his most-favored-nation demo by 96%. The industry's worst-kept secret: Trump's “deals” are smoke and mirrors that benefit big drug companies far more than working families.



MEET THE AMERICANS PAYING THE PRICE

Across the country, families can't afford insurance, are watching drug prices skyrocket, and are losing the hospitals and providers they depend on — all because of the GOP's cuts in H.R. 1. These are a few of their stories.



ALAN LEVY

Cancer survivor

NY-17 • REP. MIKE LAWLER

"I'm alive today because of medical research, access to quality health care, and reliable insurance. When Congressman Mike Lawler decided to slash Medicaid and Affordable Care Act funding, he voted to take that same sense of security away from thousands of Hudson Valley families. The lifeline that helped save my life is the same lifeline he is now making harder for others to access."

While fighting cancer, Alan never had to worry about affording surgery or losing his coverage.



VICTORIA SCHIANO

Mom to Cole, 10, who has mitochondrial disease

PA-10 • REP. SCOTT PERRY

"Medicaid doesn't just keep my son alive. Medicaid gives my son the freedom to live. When they talk about cutting Medicaid to eliminate waste, fraud, and abuse — look at my 10-year-old in the eyes and tell him which part of his life you consider wasteful."

To stay alive, Cole relies on a central line to his heart for nutrition and fluids, and constant hospital care.



ATHENA JONES

Home care worker

VA-02 • REP. JEN KIGGANS

“Medicaid is more than a program, it is a promise — that dignity does not diminish with age, that disability does not diminish one’s right to be independent, and that home should remain a place someone belongs. Yet today that promise is under attack.”

Athena called out Rep. Jen Kiggans for “gutting the very system we need to survive,” reducing caregivers to a line-item budget.



THERESA GRIMM

Single mom & caregiver to twin boys with autism

NJ-07 • REP. TOM KEAN JR.

“Many of the most damaging Medicaid provisions are scheduled to take effect after the November midterm elections. Families like mine are already feeling the warning signs.”

Theresa protested outside Rep. Tom Kean Jr.’s office — the congressman who served on the very committee that wrote the cuts into the bill while putting working families’ health care at risk.



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This November, voters will decide — and they already know what the GOP's agenda has cost them. It's time to reverse the cuts, restore the tax credits, and lower costs for every family.

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