

Trump impact on Medicaid and health insurance

The Big Ugly Bill:

- Strips people of healthcare nationwide; close to 8 million people will lose Medicaid coverage starting in 2026. (In Congressional District 19, Rep. Josh Riley's district, 33,000 Medicaid enrollees will lose coverage). Another 8.2 million will lose coverage due to other changes, which make Medicaid harder to get and to keep.
- Strains rural hospitals and clinics. The cuts to Medicaid funding will affect everyone due to hospital and clinic closures and health care workforce layoffs.
- Burdens individual states. With new federal limits on Medicaid eligibility likely increasing the number of uninsured, along with other provisions that restrict states' ability to raise revenue to fund their Medicaid programs, states will have to reevaluate their budgets to either supplement the spending or cut services. Research shows that when federal funding for Medicaid decreases, states tend to cut benefits such as home-and community-based care first.
- Makes acquiring necessary medications unaffordable. Affordable medications for uninsured Americans are now at risk.

The Big Ugly Bill DOES NOT:

- Include funding for primary care, mental health or maternal healthcare.
- Address the diminishing healthcare workforce.
- Address rising costs in healthcare or improve quality of patient care.
- Address addiction, suicide or chronic illness, which are rising fastest in rural areas.

For more information, see:

Center for American Progress (American Progress.org) "The Truth About the One Big Beautiful Bill Act's Cuts to Medicaid and Medicare"

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