



VETERANS

Without easy, affordable access to medical care and/or sufficient food, many Vets are certain to face the dire consequences of cuts to the social safety net caused by the Trump's Big Ugly Bill.

Reductions in Veterans Administration Workforce

Department of Veterans Affairs will reduce staffing by 30,000 by October 1. This date marks the beginning of the federal budget's fiscal year.

The VA has already reduced the workforce by 12,000 employees (from to 484,000 on January 1, 2025 to 467,000 on June1). An additional reduction of 12,000 is scheduled by October 1.

Reductions will cause disruptions to care and benefits for the nearly 9,000,000 veterans served by the VA Health Care System and have been strenuously objected to by veterans' organizations, unions, and some members of Congress.

More Food Insecurity for Vets

According to estimates based on census data, roughly 8% of Veterans rely on SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) to meet their food needs.

Given new eligibility requirements and narrowing of exemption rules for SNAP, as many as 1.4 million veterans could lose access to SNAP and find themselves struggling to put food on their tables

Reduction in Medical Coverage

The VA does not take care of the medical needs of all Veterans. About 9,000,000 – half the population of U.S. Veterans – are enrolled in VA Health Care. Many of those rely to some degree on outside insurance coverage, including Medicaid and the ACA's Essential Plan.

The Big Beautiful Bill will cut nearly \$1trillion out of Medicaid over the next decade. As many as 12 million Americans may lose Medicaid coverage. At this point, the number of Veterans losing coverage is unknown, but many WILL lose coverage, and this is unacceptable!

For more information, see:

Vote Vets at:

VoteVets.org/news

Veteran Life at:

Veteranlife.com

Newsweek, VA Announces Major Staffing Change by Aliss Higgin at:

<https://www.newsweek.com/authors/aliss-higham>