

Protect Medicaid Funding!

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Medicaid (**Medi-Cal** in California) provides healthcare for 15+ million Californians. Federal cuts would severely impact healthcare access statewide.

California's Medi-Cal Funding

Total funding: \$174.6 billion (FY 2024-25)

\$107.5B Federal funding (62%)

\$37.6B State general fund (22%)

\$29.5B Local government, health plan fees, provider taxes (16%) (also under threat of cuts)

Direct Impact on Mountain and Northern CA-03

Rural and mountain communities at risk: CA-03 spans the Sierra Nevada from Death Valley to Lake Tahoe, with many remote areas dependent on Medicaid

Rural hospital vulnerability: Critical access hospitals like Eastern Plumas Health Care serve patients who travel 50-150 miles for care

Tourism-dependent workforce: Many hospitality and service workers in resort areas rely on Medi-Cal for healthcare coverage

Seniors in mountain communities: Many retirees moved to CA-03 for lower costs but now depend on Medicaid for long-term care

CA Congressional District 03 Medicaid/Medi-Cal Facts

Total coverage: 174,941 people

This represents **23% of the district's population**

An additional **37,620 residents receive Covered California** premium subsidies

Combined, 212,561 people (**28% of the district**) rely on Medi-Cal or Covered CA subsidies

Economic impact: \$2.25 billion in annual Medi-Cal spending in the district

Healthcare infrastructure at risk:

- Medi-Cal supports 16,000 jobs through hospital spending alone
- Rural hospitals rely on Medicaid for about 25% of their funding
- Provider network: 1,227 specialists, 305 primary care providers, and 27 hospitals and long-term care facilities

Potential impact of cuts: Up to \$2 billion in federal funding losses over nine years if cuts are applied proportionally across districts

Essential healthcare services at risk:

- Primary care for mountain and rural residents
- Emergency services in remote areas

Time to Take Action!

- Mental health and substance use treatment
- Long-term care for rural seniors
- Maternal and child healthcare

Current Budget Process

House passed resolution calling for \$880 billion in cuts from Energy & Commerce

Both chambers adopted joint budget resolution on April 10, 2025

Committee markups expected in May with final passage targeted **by Memorial Day**

Contact your representatives:

- Rep. Kevin Kiley: (202) 225-2523 and (916) 724-2424
- Sen. Alex Padilla: (202) 224-3553
- Sen. Adam Schiff: (202) 224-3841

Contact key committee members:

House Energy & Commerce: • Chairman Brett Guthrie (R-KY): (202) 225-3501 • Health

Subcommittee Chair Earl Carter (R-GA): (202) 225-5831

Senate Finance: • Chairman Mike Crapo (R-ID): (202) 224-6142 • Ranking Member Ron Wyden (D-OR): (202) 224-5244

Senate Health, Education, Labor & Pensions (HELP) Committee: • Chairman Bill Cassidy (R-LA): (202) 224-5824

When calling representatives, consider using the following talking points.

"Hello, my name is _____ and I'm a constituent from _____ (your town) in California's 3rd Congressional District.

The proposed budget cuts to Medicaid would be devastating to geographically diverse region where:

- Rural and mountain communities rely heavily on Medi-Cal for healthcare access
- Critical access hospitals serve patients traveling 50-150 miles for care
- \$2.25 billion in annual Medicaid spending supports our local economy

I urge _____ (Representative/Senator's name) to:

1. Oppose any budget resolution that includes deep cuts to Medicaid
2. Protect funding for rural healthcare providers who serve remote Mountain communities
3. Recognize that Medicaid cuts would force facility closures in areas with few or no alternatives

Share a brief personal story about how Medicaid has helped you, a family member or someone you know.

Remember to be polite, specific, and brief. Staff often take these calls and will relay your message.

Opposing cuts creates economically vibrant, healthy communities that benefit us all.