

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: \$184 billion (FY 2024-25)

\$107 billion Federal funding (58%)

\$37.6 billion State general fund (20%)

\$39.4 billion Local government, health plan fees, provider taxes (22%) (also under threat of cuts)

Direct Impact on San Joaquin Valley CA-21

Agricultural workforce vulnerability: CA-21 encompasses parts of Fresno and Tulare counties in the San Joaquin Valley, where many agricultural workers, food processing employees, and their families rely heavily on Medi-Cal coverage

Diverse communities at risk: The district includes communities like Fresno, Fowler, Kingsburg, Orange Cove, Parlier, Reedley, Sanger, Selma, Cutler, Dinuba, Exeter, Farmersville, Ivanhoe, Orosi, Visalia, and Woodlake, with high percentages of working families dependent on Medicaid

Rural and urban safety-net healthcare: Critical access hospitals and healthcare facilities throughout the district serve patients who often travel long distances for care, with many facilities operating on thin margins dependent on Medicaid reimbursements

Healthcare worker shortages: The region faces significant healthcare workforce challenges, with ongoing efforts to expand medical education and healthcare professional training programs to serve vulnerable populations

CA Congressional District 21 Medicaid/Medi-Cal Facts

Total coverage: Approximately 463,000 people depend on Medi-Cal in CA-21

This represents nearly 60% of the district's population—among the highest in California

An additional 30,000+ residents receive Covered California premium subsidies

Combined, over 493,000 people (65% of the district) rely on Medi-Cal or Covered CA subsidies

Estimated enrollment breakdown:

- 162,000 children (18 and under)
- 93,000 seniors and disabled adults
- 208,000 working adults and caregivers

Economic impact: Approximately \$5.5 billion in annual Medi-Cal spending in the district

Time to Take Action!

Healthcare infrastructure at risk:

- Valley Children's Healthcare provides critical pediatric specialty services to the region with significant Medicaid funding
- Kaweah Health in Tulare County serves as a major healthcare hub for rural communities
- Federally Qualified Health Centers like Family Healthcare Network and United Health Centers rely heavily on Medicaid funding to serve diverse, multilingual agricultural communities
- Community hospitals in smaller cities like Fowler, Kingsburg, Sanger, and Reedley depend on Medicaid reimbursements to stay open

Potential impact of cuts: Up to \$4.8 billion in federal funding losses over nine years if cuts are applied proportionally across districts

Essential healthcare services at risk:

- Primary care for 463,000 residents across San Joaquin Valley communities
- Emergency services at rural and urban hospitals serving agricultural communities
- Mental health and substance use treatment services in areas with limited access
- Long-term care for seniors in rural and urban communities
- Maternal and child healthcare for agricultural worker families
- Specialty care at regional medical centers serving the broader Valley

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. Jim Costa: (202) 225-3341 and (559) 495-1620
- 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

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When calling representatives, consider using the following talking points:

"Hello, my name is _____ and I'm a constituent from _____ (your town) in California's 21st Congressional District.

The proposed budget cuts to Medicaid would be devastating to this San Joaquin Valley district where:

- 463,000 residents—nearly 60% of our district—depend on Medi-Cal coverage
- Many agricultural workers and their families throughout Fresno and Tulare counties rely on Medi-Cal for healthcare access
- Rural hospitals and healthcare facilities serve patients from remote areas and depend on Medicaid reimbursements to remain open
- Our communities already face significant healthcare professional shortages

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 depend on Medicaid reimbursements
3. Recognize that Medicaid cuts would devastate working families throughout the San Joaquin Valley
4. Share a brief personal story about how Medicaid/Medi-Cal has helped you, a family member or someone you know

Thank you for your time and for considering this important issue."

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

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