

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 Silicon Valley CA-17

Tech industry service workforce vulnerability: CA-17 includes Silicon Valley communities in Santa Clara and Alameda Counties where many service workers, contractors, and their families depend on Medi-Cal for healthcare access

Diverse urban and suburban communities at risk: The district spans cities like Sunnyvale, Santa Clara, Cupertino, Fremont, and parts of San Jose where working families, immigrants, and service sector employees rely heavily on Medi-Cal

Critical healthcare infrastructure threatened: Regional medical centers like Santa Clara Valley Medical Center serve as vital healthcare hubs, with Medicaid funding essential for maintaining services

Healthcare equity challenges: Despite being home to some of the world's largest tech companies, significant disparities exist in healthcare access, with many service workers, gig economy employees, and essential workers lacking employer-provided insurance

CA Congressional District 17 Medicaid/Medi-Cal Facts

Total coverage: 175,000 people

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

An additional **32,000+ residents** receive **Covered California** premium subsidies

Combined, over 207,000 people (**28% of the district**) rely on Medi-Cal or Covered CA subsidies

Estimated enrollment breakdown:

- 61,000 children (18 and under)
- 35,000 seniors and disabled adults
- 79,000 working adults and caregivers

Economic impact: Approximately \$2.1 billion in annual Medi-Cal spending in the district

Healthcare infrastructure at risk:

- Santa Clara Valley Medical Center serves as a critical safety-net facility, with Medicaid funding essential for emergency, trauma, and specialty care services
- Kaiser Permanente facilities and other hospitals throughout the district serve significant Medi-Cal populations
- Community health centers in diverse Silicon Valley neighborhoods rely on Medicaid funding to provide accessible care
- Long-term care and specialty facilities serving the region's diverse population depend on Medicaid reimbursements

Time to Take Action!

Potential impact of cuts: Up to \$1.8 billion in federal funding losses over nine years if cuts are applied proportionally across districts

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. Ro Khanna: (202) 225-2631 and (408) 436-2720
- 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 17th Congressional District.

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

- 175,000 residents—23% of our district—depend on Medi-Cal coverage
- Many service workers supporting the tech industry rely heavily on Medi-Cal for healthcare access
- Santa Clara Valley Medical Center and other facilities provide critical care to vulnerable populations
- Our district's diverse communities include many working families who depend on Medicaid

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

1. Oppose any budget resolution that includes deep cuts to Medicaid
2. Protect funding for Silicon Valley healthcare providers that serve our diverse communities
3. Recognize that Medicaid cuts would harm working families in our district who support our innovation economy

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.