

# Protect Medicaid Funding!

## Protect Medicaid Funding in Congressional District 08

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 Bay Area CA-08

- **Urban and suburban communities at risk:** CA-08 includes parts of Contra Costa and Solano counties, including the cities of Vallejo, Fairfield, Richmond, Pittsburg, Antioch, Martinez, Hercules, and El Cerrito, where diverse working families rely on Medi-Cal coverage
- **Critical healthcare infrastructure threatened:** Major hospitals in the district, including Kaiser Permanente facilities, John Muir Medical Centers, and Contra Costa Regional Medical Center operate with tight margins and depend on Medicaid reimbursements to maintain services
- **Vulnerable populations highly dependent:** The district includes many low-income families, seniors, children, and individuals with disabilities who rely on Medi-Cal for comprehensive healthcare
- **Community health centers at risk:** Federally Qualified Health Centers and county clinics throughout the district serve a high percentage of Medi-Cal patients and depend on this funding to remain viable

### CA Congressional District 08 Medicaid/Medi-Cal Facts

**Total coverage:** 270,000 people

This represents **36% of the district's population**

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

Combined, over 300,000 people (**40% of the district**) rely on Medi-Cal or Covered CA subsidies

#### Estimated enrollment breakdown:

- 95,000 children (18 and under)
- 54,000 seniors and disabled adults
- 121,000 working adults and caregivers

**Economic impact:** Approximately \$3.2 billion in annual Medi-Cal spending in the district

#### Healthcare infrastructure at risk:

- Contra Costa Health Plan serves more than 250,000 county residents
- West County Health Center in San Pablo serves almost 32,000 people annually with 115,000 patient visits
- LifeLong Medical Care facilities in Richmond and other community health centers rely heavily on Medicaid funding
- County-operated clinics in both Contra Costa and Solano counties depend on Medi-Cal reimbursements

# Time to Take Action!

**Potential impact of cuts:** Up to \$2.7 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. John Garamendi: (202) 225-2511 and (707) 438-1822
- 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 8th Congressional District.

The proposed budget cuts to Medicaid would be devastating to this Bay Area district where:

- 270,000 residents—over a third of our district—depend on Medi-Cal coverage
- Many of our hospitals and community health centers operate with tight margins and rely on Medicaid funding
- West County Health Center serves 32,000 patients annually and could face severe cutbacks
- Vulnerable populations including children, seniors, and working families would lose essential healthcare access

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

1. Oppose any budget resolution that includes deep cuts to Medicaid
2. Protect funding for Bay Area healthcare providers who depend on Medicaid reimbursements
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.***