

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 Gold Country and Central Valley CA-05

- **Agricultural workforce vulnerability:** CA-05 spans Gold Country and parts of the Central Valley, where many agricultural workers and food processing employees rely on Medi-Cal coverage
- **Rural mountain communities at risk:** The district includes all of Amador, Calaveras, Tuolumne and Mariposa counties, plus western El Dorado County, where healthcare access is already limited
- **Tourism and recreation industry dependence:** With Yosemite National Park and part of Kings Canyon National Park in the district, many hospitality and seasonal workers depend on Medi-Cal for healthcare
- **Critical access hospitals threatened:** Rural hospitals in Gold Country communities like Sonora, Jackson, and Placerville serve patients traveling long distances and depend heavily on Medicaid reimbursements

CA Congressional District 05 Medicaid/Medi-Cal Facts

Total coverage: 228,161 people

This represents **30% of the district's population**

An additional **31,930 residents receive Covered California** premium subsidies

Combined, 260,091 people (**34% of the district**) rely on Medi-Cal or Covered CA subsidies

Economic impact: \$2.9 billion in annual Medi-Cal spending in the district

Healthcare infrastructure at risk:

- Medi-Cal supports thousands of jobs through hospital and clinic spending
- Rural hospitals in Amador, Calaveras, Tuolumne, and Mariposa counties rely on Medicaid for significant portions of their funding
- Provider networks stretch across mountain and valley communities with limited alternatives

Potential impact of cuts: Up to \$2.5 billion in federal funding losses over nine years if cuts are applied proportionally across districts

Essential healthcare services at risk:

- Primary care for agricultural workers and rural residents
- Emergency services in remote Gold County communities
- Mental health and substance use treatment

Time to Take Action!

- Long-term care for rural seniors and disabled residents
- Access to specialist care requiring travel to urban centers

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. Tom McClintock: (202) 225-2511 and (916) 786-5560
- 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 5th Congressional District.

The proposed budget cuts to Medicaid would be devastating to this Gold Country and Central Valley district where:

- 228,161 residents depend directly on Medi-Cal coverage - that's 30% of our district
- Rural hospitals and clinics in Amador, Calaveras, Tuolumne, and Mariposa counties operate with narrow margins
- Agricultural workers in our orchards and fields rely heavily on Medi-Cal for basic healthcare
- Tourism and recreation workers serving Yosemite and other attractions need stable healthcare access
- \$2.9 billion in annual Medi-Cal spending supports our local economy and job creation

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.