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What is Medicaid/Medi-Cal?

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 Wine Country and North Bay CA-04

- **Wine industry workforce vulnerability:** CA-04 is home to world-renowned Napa and Sonoma wine regions where many agricultural workers and hospitality employees rely on Medi-Cal coverage
- **Rural and agricultural communities at risk:** CA-04 includes rural Lake and Yolo counties where healthcare access is already limited
- **Dual-eligible seniors:** Many retirees moved to wine country communities for affordability but now depend on both Medicare and Medicaid for comprehensive care
- **Agricultural workforce dependence:** Many farm workers in the vineyards and fields depend on Medi-Cal for basic healthcare, particularly given the physical demands and health risks of agricultural work

CA Congressional District 4 Medicaid/Medi-Cal Facts

Total coverage: Approximately **183,000** people depend on Medi-Cal in CA-04

- This represents about **24% of the district's population**
- An additional 35,000+ residents receive Covered California premium subsidies
- Combined, over 218,000 people (**nearly 29% of the district**) rely on Medi-Cal or Covered CA subsidies

Economic impact: \$2.3 billion in annual Medi-Cal spending in the district

Healthcare infrastructure at risk:

- Medi-Cal supports over 15,000 jobs through healthcare spending alone
- Rural hospitals and clinics rely on Medicaid for approximately 25-30% of their funding

Time to Take Action!

- Provider network: Critical access to specialists, primary care providers, and hospitals serving wine country's seasonal workforce

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

Essential healthcare services at risk:

- Primary care for agricultural and hospitality workers
- Seasonal worker healthcare access during harvest seasons
- Mental health and substance use treatment services
- Long-term care for rural seniors in wine country
- Maternal and child healthcare for farmworker families
- Emergency services in rural Lake County and agricultural areas

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**

Take Action Now

1. Contact your representatives:

- Rep. Mike Thompson: (202) 225-3311 and (707) 226-9898
- Sen. Alex Padilla: (202) 224-3553
- Sen. Adam Schiff: (202) 224-3841

2. 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 4th Congressional District.

The proposed budget cuts to Medicaid would be devastating to this wine country district where:

- Wine industry workers and agricultural employees depend heavily on Medi-Cal coverage
- Rural communities in Lake, Napa, Yolo, Sonoma and Solano counties rely on Medicaid-funded healthcare
- Over 183,000 residents depend on Medi-Cal for healthcare access
- \$2.3 billion in annual Medi-Cal spending supports our local economy and jobs

Protect Medicaid Funding!

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 serving wine country communities
3. Recognize that Medicaid cuts would devastate our agricultural and hospitality workforce
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 thriving wine country communities that support our economy, agriculture, and tourism industries that benefit us all.