

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 North Coast CA-02

Rural north coast communities at risk: CA-02 spans Del Norte, Humboldt, Marin, Mendocino, and Trinity counties, with many remote areas dependent on Medicaid

Rural hospital vulnerability: Critical access hospitals serve patients who often travel long distances for care in this geographically diverse district

Vulnerable population reliance: The rural North Coast faces multiple healthcare challenges, including provider shortages and limited access in remote areas

Community collaboration threatened: Local providers rely on Medi-Cal funding to maintain healthcare access and services for rural communities

CA Congressional District 02 Medicaid/Medi-Cal Facts

Total coverage: 238,194 people

This represents **31% of the district's population**

An additional **36,500 residents receive Covered California** premium subsidies

Combined, 274,694 people (**36% of the district**) rely on Medi-Cal or Covered CA subsidies

Healthcare challenges:

Almost 60% of people in Humboldt County get healthcare through Medi-Cal or Medicare

Critical shortages in healthcare professionals, especially in primary care and behavioral health

Limited access to care in remote areas, with some patients traveling 50+ miles for services

Rural hospitals operating on thin margins and dependent on Medicaid reimbursements

Potential impact of cuts: Up to \$2 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**

Time to Take Action!

Contact your representatives:

- Rep. Jared Huffman (D): (202) 225-5161 and (415) 258-9657
- 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 2nd Congressional District.

The proposed budget cuts to Medicaid would be devastating to our North Coast region where:

- Rural and remote communities rely heavily on Medi-Cal for healthcare access
- Nearly a third of our district's residents (238,194 people) depend on Medi-Cal coverage
- Critical access hospitals serve patients who often travel hours for care
- Many communities already face severe healthcare provider 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 serve our North Coast communities
3. Recognize that Medicaid cuts would force facility closures in areas with few or no alternatives

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.