

# Protect Medicaid Funding!

## Protect Medicaid Funding in Congressional District 19

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 Central Coast CA-19

**Diverse coastal and inland communities at risk:** CA-19 spans parts of Santa Clara, Santa Cruz, Monterey, and San Luis Obispo counties, with many communities dependent on Medicaid coverage

**Rural and coastal healthcare facilities threatened:** Many hospitals and clinics operate with thin margins and depend on Medicaid reimbursements to stay open in this geographically diverse district

**Agricultural and tourism workforce vulnerability:** Many workers in vineyards, farms, and the hospitality industry throughout the Central Coast rely heavily on Medi-Cal coverage

**Healthcare access in remote areas:** Critical access hospitals serve patients who often travel long distances for care across this expansive coastal and inland district

### CA Congressional District 19 Medicaid/Medi-Cal Facts

**Total coverage:** 230,000 people

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

An additional **27,000+ residents** receive **Covered California** premium subsidies

Combined, over 257,000 people (**33% of the district**) rely on Medi-Cal or Covered CA subsidies

### Estimated enrollment breakdown:

- 80,000 children (18 and under)
- 45,000 seniors and disabled adults
- 105,000 working adults and caregivers

**Economic impact:** Approximately \$2.8 billion in annual Medi-Cal spending in the district

### Healthcare infrastructure at risk:

- Community hospitals in Santa Cruz, Monterey, and San Luis Obispo counties serve significant Medi-Cal populations
- Community health centers throughout the Central Coast rely heavily on Medicaid funding to serve diverse, multilingual communities
- Long-term care facilities serving the region's senior population depend on Medicaid reimbursements

### 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. Jimmy Panetta: (202) 225-2861 and (831) 424-2229
- 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 19th Congressional District.

The proposed budget cuts to Medicaid would be devastating to this Central Coast district where:

- 230,000 residents—nearly a third of our district—depend on Medi-Cal coverage
- Critical healthcare facilities from Santa Cruz to San Luis Obispo serve diverse communities with Medicaid funding
- Many agricultural workers and tourism industry employees rely on Medi-Cal for healthcare access
- \$2.8 billion in annual Medi-Cal spending supports our local healthcare economy and jobs

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

1. Oppose any budget resolution that includes deep cuts to Medicaid
2. Protect funding for Central Coast healthcare providers that serve our diverse communities
3. Recognize that Medicaid cuts would harm working families throughout our district

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.***