

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: \$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 Oakland and East Bay CA-12

Urban community vulnerability: CA-12 centers on Oakland and includes portions of Alameda County where many working families, service workers, and community members rely on Medi-Cal coverage

Diverse urban communities at risk: The district's vibrant, multicultural communities include many working families, immigrants, and service sector employees who depend on Medi-Cal for healthcare access

Healthcare equity challenges: Despite proximity to world-class medical institutions, significant disparities exist in healthcare access, with many residents working in service, retail, and essential roles lacking employer-provided insurance

Critical safety-net infrastructure: Highland Hospital (Alameda Health System) serves as a vital safety-net provider, while community health centers throughout Oakland provide essential primary care services to Medi-Cal patients

CA Congressional District 12 Medicaid/Medi-Cal Facts

Total coverage: Approximately 235,000 people depend on Medi-Cal in CA-12

This represents about 31% of the district's population

An additional 26,000+ residents receive Covered California premium subsidies

Combined, over 261,000 people (35% of the district) rely on Medi-Cal or Covered CA subsidies

Estimated enrollment breakdown:

- 82,000 children (18 and under)
- 47,000 seniors and disabled adults
- 106,000 working adults and caregivers

Economic impact: Approximately \$2.82 billion in annual Medi-Cal spending in the district

Time to Take Action!

Healthcare infrastructure at risk:

- Highland Hospital (Alameda Health System) serves as the county's primary safety-net hospital, with Medicaid funding essential for trauma, emergency, and specialty care services
- Community health centers throughout Oakland and the East Bay rely on Medicaid funding to serve diverse, multilingual communities
- Kaiser Permanente Oakland Medical Center and other area hospitals serve significant Medi-Cal populations
- Specialty care services at UCSF Benioff Children's Hospital Oakland depend on stable Medicaid funding

Potential impact of cuts: Up to \$2.4 billion in federal funding losses over nine years if cuts are applied proportionally across districts

Essential healthcare services at risk:

- Primary care for 235,000 residents across Oakland and East Bay communities
- Emergency and trauma services at Highland Hospital and other medical centers
- Mental health and substance use treatment services
- Long-term care for seniors in urban neighborhoods
- Maternal and child healthcare for working families
- Specialty pediatric care at UCSF Benioff Children's Hospital Oakland

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. Lateefah Simon: (202) 225-2661 and (510) 764-0370
- 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

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When calling representatives, consider using the following talking points:

"Hello, my name is _____ and I'm a constituent from _____ (your neighborhood) in California's 12th Congressional District.

The proposed budget cuts to Medicaid would be devastating to this Oakland and East Bay district where:

- 235,000 residents—31% of our district—depend on Medi-Cal coverage
- Highland Hospital serves as our critical safety-net facility providing emergency and trauma care
- Our diverse communities include working families and immigrants who depend on Medicaid
- \$2.82 billion in annual Medi-Cal spending supports our local healthcare economy

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

1. Oppose any budget resolution that includes deep cuts to Medicaid
2. Protect funding for Oakland and East Bay healthcare providers that serve our diverse communities
3. Recognize that Medicaid cuts would disproportionately harm working families in our urban communities
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 healthy, economically vibrant Oakland and East Bay communities that benefit us all.