

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 Silicon Valley & Salinas Valley CA-18

Diverse urban and agricultural workforce vulnerability: CA-18 spans portions of San Jose, Salinas Valley, and parts of Santa Cruz and San Benito counties, where agricultural workers, tech industry service workers, and their families depend on Medi-Cal coverage

Latino-majority district: Following 2020 redistricting, CA-18 became a Latino-majority district spanning diverse communities from urban San Jose to agricultural areas with substantial Medicaid dependence

Vulnerable populations: Healthcare access for farmworkers, service industry employees, and low-income families across the district depends on stable Medicaid funding

Critical regional healthcare hubs threatened: Facilities like Salinas Valley Health Medical Center and community health centers throughout the district rely on Medicaid reimbursements to serve both urban and rural populations

CA Congressional District 18 Medicaid/Medi-Cal Facts

Total coverage: 240,000 people

This represents **32% of the district's population**

An additional **29,000+ residents** receive **Covered California** premium subsidies

Combined, over 269,000 people (**36% of the district**) rely on Medi-Cal or Covered CA subsidies

Estimated enrollment breakdown:

- 84,000 children (18 and under)
- 48,000 seniors and disabled adults
- 108,000 working adults and caregivers

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

Healthcare infrastructure at risk:

- Salinas Valley Health Medical Center serves as a critical healthcare hub for the Salinas Valley region
- Community health centers throughout San Jose, Gilroy, Morgan Hill, Watsonville, and other communities serve diverse populations
- Specialty care services for vulnerable populations depend on Medicaid funding
- Rural healthcare providers serve patients traveling long distances for care

Time to Take Action!

Potential impact of cuts: Up to \$2.5 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**

Contact your representatives:

- Rep. Zoe Lofgren: (202) 225-3072 and (408) 271-8700
- 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 18th Congressional District.

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

- 240,000 residents—about a third of our district—depend on Medi-Cal/Medicaid coverage
- Many agricultural workers in the Salinas Valley and service workers in Silicon Valley rely on Medicaid
- Critical healthcare providers like Salinas Valley Health Medical Center serve patients from across our diverse urban and rural communities
- \$2.9 billion in annual Medicaid 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 healthcare providers that serve our diverse communities
3. Recognize that Medicaid cuts would harm working families throughout our agricultural and urban communities

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.