

# Protect Medicaid Funding!

## Protect Medicaid Funding in Congressional District 13

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 Valley CA-13

**Central Valley agricultural workforce vulnerability:** CA-13 includes Merced, Turlock, Ceres, Patterson, Atwater, and parts of Modesto and Fresno County, where agricultural workers, food processing employees, and seasonal workers depend heavily on Medi-Cal coverage

**Diverse communities at risk:** CA-13 encompasses all of Merced County and portions of Stanislaus, Madera, Fresno, and San Joaquin counties, serving diverse communities including Latino families, working parents, and rural residents

**Critical Access hospitals threatened:** Many Central Valley hospitals operate with negative margins and depend on Medicaid reimbursements to stay open and serve families traveling long distances

**Rural and suburban communities:** From farm towns like Atwater and Chowchilla to suburban areas of Turlock and Modesto, many working families rely on Medi-Cal for comprehensive healthcare

### CA Congressional District 13 Medicaid/Medi-Cal Facts

**Total coverage:** 417,800 people

This represents **54% of the district's population- among the highest in California**

An additional **30,000+ residents** receive **Covered California** premium subsidies

Combined, over 477,800 people (**57% of the district**) rely on Medi-Cal or Covered CA subsidies

### Estimated enrollment breakdown:

- 146,300 children (18 and under)
- 584,000 seniors and disabled adults
- 187,500 working adults and caregivers

**Economic impact:** Approximately \$5 billion in annual Medi-Cal spending in the district

### Healthcare infrastructure at risk:

- Medi-Cal supports thousands of jobs at hospitals like Mercy Medical Center Merced and Emanuel Medical Center in Turlock
- Community health centers throughout the Central Valley rely heavily on Medicaid funding to serve diverse, multilingual agricultural communities
- Rural hospitals in Merced, Atwater, and other farming communities depend on Medicaid reimbursements for emergency and specialty care

**Potential impact of cuts:** Up to \$4.3 billion in federal funding losses over nine years if cuts are applied proportionally across districts

# Time to Take Action!

## 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. Adam Gray: (202) 225-1947 and (209) 226-6880
- 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 13th Congressional District.

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

- 417,800 residents—over half our district—depend on Medi-Cal coverage
- Many agricultural workers in our farms and food processing plants throughout the Central Valley rely on Medi-Cal for healthcare access
- Hospitals in Merced, Turlock, and Atwater serve as critical healthcare hubs for vast rural areas and depend on Medicaid funding
- \$5 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 Valley hospitals and community health centers that serve our diverse, multilingual communities
3. Recognize that Medicaid cuts would devastate working families throughout our agricultural and suburban 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.***