

# Protect Medicaid Funding!

## Protect Medicaid Funding in Congressional District 10

- 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 CA-16 – Despite its affluence CA-16 has a significant population relying on medi-cal

- **Vulnerable Workforce:** Many service workers, contractors, and families supporting the tech industry depend on Medi-Cal for affordable healthcare.
- **Diverse Communities at Risk:** Cities like San Jose, Mountain View, Palo Alto, Los Altos, Campbell, and coastal communities have working-class families who heavily rely on Medi-Cal.
- **Threat to World-Class Medical Centers:** Renowned institutions like Stanford Health Care and El Camino Health serve substantial Medi-Cal populations; cuts directly threaten their financial stability.
- **Addressing Economic Disparity:** Even in a wealthy district, Medi-Cal is essential for the healthcare needs of many service, hospitality, and essential workers.

## CA Congressional District 16 Medicaid/Medi-Cal Facts - Total coverage: Approximately 205,000 people depend on Medi-Cal in CA-16.

- This represents about **27% of the district's population**.
- An additional **30,000+ residents** receive Covered California premium subsidies.
- Combined, **over 235,000 people (31% of the district)** rely on Medi-Cal or Covered California subsidies for their healthcare

## Estimated enrollment breakdown:

- **71,750 children** (18 and under)
- **41,000 seniors and disabled adults**
- **92,250 working adults and caregivers**

**Economic Impact** - Approximately **\$2.5 billion in annual Medi-Cal spending** directly supports the local healthcare economy and jobs within the district.

## Healthcare Infrastructure at Risk:

- **World-class medical institutions** like Stanford Health Care and El Camino Health serve Medi-Cal populations, providing specialized and critical care. Their ability to do so is directly tied to stable Medicaid funding.
- **Community health centers** throughout Silicon Valley are the backbone of primary care for diverse, multilingual communities and rely heavily on Medicaid funding.
- **Kaiser Permanente facilities** and other providers depend on stable Medicaid reimbursements to continue serving a broad spectrum of the population.

**Potential impact of cuts** - The district could face up to **\$2.1 billion in federal funding losses over nine years** if cuts are applied proportionally across districts. This would be catastrophic for our healthcare system.

## Essential Healthcare Services at Risk: - Cuts to Medi-Cal would jeopardize access to:

- **Primary care for 205,000 residents** across Silicon Valley communities.
- **Emergency services** at major medical centers.
- **Mental health and substance use treatment services**, crucial in addressing growing community needs.
- **Long-term care for seniors** in suburban communities, ensuring they can age with dignity.
- **Maternal and child healthcare** for working families, protecting the health of the next generation.
- **Specialized care at academic medical centers** serving the region, impacting research and advanced treatments.

# Time to Take Action!

1. **Contact your representatives:**

- Rep. Sam Liccardo: (202) 225-8104 and (408) 245-2339
- Sen. Alex Padilla: (202) 224-3553
- Sen. Adam Schiff: (202) 224-3841

2. **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

3. **When calling representatives, consider using the following talking points:**

"Hello, my name is \_\_\_\_\_ and I'm a constituent from \_\_\_\_\_ (your town) in California's 16th Congressional District.

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

- 205,000 residents—more than a quarter of our district—depend on Medi-Cal coverage
- World-class medical institutions like Stanford Health Care and El Camino Health rely on Medicaid funding to serve vulnerable populations
- Many service workers supporting our tech economy rely on Medi-Cal for healthcare access
- \$2.5 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 Silicon Valley healthcare providers that serve our diverse communities
3. Recognize that Medicaid cuts would devastate working families throughout our technology corridor
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 Silicon Valley communities that benefit us all.**