

Arkansans Are Sick of Rising Costs and Losing Coverage Thanks to the GOP Health Care Disaster

Protect Our Care's Nationwide Grassroots Campaign, "Sick of It! Fix Health Care Now," is Giving Voice to Arkansans Sick of President Trump and Republicans in Congress Gutting Our Health Care System

People across Arkansas are sick of choosing between affording health care and putting food on the table. Donald Trump and Republicans, including Senators John Boozman and Tom Cotton, have cut over \$1 trillion from health care to fund tax breaks for billionaires and big corporations, causing nearly 8 million Americans to lose their Affordable Care Act (ACA) or Medicaid/CHIP coverage — including over 55,000 Arkansans. [Premiums](#) have doubled for 143,734 Arkansans and nearly [22 million families](#) nationwide. and cuts to Medicaid are putting seniors, sick kids, moms, and disabled Americans at risk of losing access to lifesaving medical treatments. Arkansans are dropping coverage they can no longer afford, delaying care, rationing medications, and living with the constant fear that an emergency could push them deeper into debt.

Meanwhile, 39 hospitals, clinics, and nursing homes in Arkansas have been forced to shut down, cut services, or are at risk of doing so following the GOP health care cuts. Entire communities are being stranded without essential care. For too many Arkansans, getting the care they need now means traveling farther, waiting longer, paying more, or going without it altogether. [Health care leaders](#) are sounding the alarm as they are forced to close maternity wards, scale back critical care units, and lay off team members to balance their budgets.

As the full impact of these cuts continues to unfold, more families are expected to lose coverage, more providers will face difficult financial decisions, and more communities will be left without the care they depend on.

BY THE NUMBERS: Arkansans Choose Between Paying More Or Foregoing Health Care Coverage

- An estimated **56,331 Arkansans** have already lost the Medicaid, CHIP, or ACA coverage they counted on to see a doctor after Republicans gutted health care.
 - **41,890 Arkansans** have [lost](#) their Medicaid or CHIP coverage.
 - **14,441 Arkansans** [dropped](#) their ACA health care coverage after premiums skyrocketed.
- Premiums for Arkansans [who counted on](#) the health tax credits Republicans gutted **increased by an average of 144% this year:**
 - A **45-year-old in Arkansas** making \$64,000 saw their average annual premium costs [rise](#) by **\$5,054** to hit \$10,494 this year.

- A **60-year-old couple in Arkansas** making \$85,000 saw their average annual premium costs [rise](#) by **\$32,224** to hit \$39,449 this year.
- A **family of four in Arkansas** making \$130,000 saw their average annual premium costs [rise](#) by **\$18,645** to hit \$29,695 this year.
- Hospital systems nationwide are already reporting a surge in uninsured patients after Republicans ripped away health tax credits. **Arkansas hospitals and clinics are facing a \$144 million** loss in funding and a 25.1% [spike](#) in uncompensated care demand that will affect their ability to keep their doors open.
- **Arkansas hospitals [alone](#)** are also expected to **lose \$3.6 billion over the next decade due to GOP Medicaid cuts**. As of August 2026, 39 Arkansas health care providers are at-risk, announced cuts, are closing, or have closed, [including](#):
 - **AT-RISK:** Wadley Medical Center at Hope
 - **CUTS ANNOUNCED:** Arkansas Heart Hospital, Washington Regional Medical Center
 - **CLOSURE ANNOUNCED:** Chapters Living of Maumelle, Washington Regional Total Spine Physical Therapy
 - **CLOSED:** Arisa Health - Batesville, Arisa Health - Berryville, Arisa Health - Blytheville, Arisa Health - Brinkley, Arisa Health - Cherokee Village, Arisa Health - Clarksville, Arisa Health - Clinton, Arisa Health - Corning, Arisa Health - Heber Springs, Arisa Health - Helena, Arisa Health - Huntsville, Arisa Health - Lonoke, Arisa Health - Marianna, Arisa Health - Marshall, Arisa Health - Melbourne, Arisa Health - Morrilton, Arisa Health - Mountain View, Arisa Health - Newport, Arisa Health - Paragould, Arisa Health - Perryville, Arisa Health - Salem, Arisa Health - Siloam Springs, Arisa Health - Trumann, Arisa Health - Walnut Ridge, Arisa Health - Wynne, Arisa Health - Yellville, Baptist Health-Fort Smith - Labor & Delivery - NICU, Baptist Health-Fort Smith - Multiple Wards, CHI St. Vincent Primary Care - Scott, CHI St. Vincent Primary Care - Village - DeSoto, Hamby & Hamby Family Medical Clinic, Levi Hospital, Ouachita County Medical Center - OB Unit, Unity Health-Jacksonville - Emergency Department & Medical Unit