

Coloradans 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 Coloradans Sick of President Trump and Republicans in Congress Gutting Our Health Care System

People across Colorado are sick of choosing between affording health care and putting food on the table. Donald Trump and Republicans 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 nearly 25,000 Coloradans. [Premiums](#) have doubled for 202,916 Coloradans 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. Coloradans 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, 17 hospitals, clinics, and nursing homes in Colorado 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 Coloradans, 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: Coloradans Choose Between Paying More Or Foregoing Health Care Coverage

- An estimated **24,889 Coloradans** have already lost the Medicaid, CHIP, or ACA coverage they counted on to see a doctor after Republicans gutted health care.
 - **6,886 Coloradans** have [lost](#) their Medicaid or CHIP coverage.
 - **18,003 Coloradans** [dropped](#) their ACA health care coverage after premiums skyrocketed.
- Premiums for Coloradans [who counted on](#) the health tax credits Republicans gutted **increased by an average of 137% this year:**
 - A **45-year-old in Colorado** making \$64,000 saw their average annual premium costs [rise](#) by \$2,112 to hit \$7,552 this year.

- A **60-year-old couple in Colorado** making \$85,000 saw their average annual premium costs [rise](#) by **\$21,164** to hit \$28,389 this year.
- A **family of four in Colorado** making \$130,000 saw their average annual premium costs [rise](#) by **\$10,320** to hit \$21,370 this year.
- Hospital systems nationwide are already reporting a surge in uninsured patients after Republicans ripped away health tax credits. **Colorado hospitals and clinics are facing a \$145 million** loss in funding and a 18.3% [spike](#) in uncompensated care demand that will affect their ability to keep their doors open.
- **Colorado hospitals [alone](#)** are also expected to **lose \$8.2 billion over the next decade due to GOP Medicaid cuts**. As of August 2026, 17 Colorado health care providers are at-risk, announced cuts, are closing, or have closed, [including](#):
 - **AT-RISK:** Conejos County Hospital, Delta County Memorial Hospital, Dolores County Senior Services Center, Grand River Hospital District, Prowers Medical Center, Southwest Memorial Hospital
 - **CUTS ANNOUNCED:** Arkansas Valley Regional Medical Center, Aurora Mental Health & Recovery
 - **CLOSURE ANNOUNCED:** Intermountain Health Broomfield Clinic - Occupational Medicine, Intermountain Health Denver Sports Medicine Clinic, Intermountain Health Wheat Ridge Clinic - Occupational Medicine, University of Northern Colorado Speech-Language Pathology & Audiology Clinic
 - **CLOSED:** Arkansas Valley Surgery Center, Banner Health's McKee Medical Center - Emergency Room, Banner Urgent Care, Colorado School of Mines Dental Clinic, Delta Health - Labor & Delivery Unit