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

People across Georgia 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 195,000 Georgians. Premiums have doubled for 1,408,787 Georgians 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. Georgians 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, 18 hospitals, clinics, and nursing homes in Georgia 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 Georgians, 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.

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- An estimated **634,650 Georgians** have already lost the Medicaid, CHIP, or ACA coverage they counted on to see a doctor after Republicans gutted health care.
    - **84,650 Georgians** have lost their Medicaid or CHIP coverage.
    - According to coverage from April 2026 in the Current, **550,000 Georgians** dropped their ACA health care coverage after premiums skyrocketed.

- Premiums for Georgians who counted on the health tax credits Republicans gutted **increased by an average of 196% this year:**

    - A **45-year-old in Georgia** making $64,000 saw their average annual premium costs **rise** **by $3,116** to hit $8,556 this year.

    - A **60-year-old couple in Georgia** making $85,000 saw their average annual premium costs **rise by $24,935** to hit $32,160 this year.

    - A **family of four in Georgia** making $130,000 saw their average annual premium costs **rise by $13,159** to hit $24,209 this year.

- Hospital systems nationwide are already reporting a surge in uninsured patients after Republicans ripped away health tax credits. **Georgia hospitals and clinics are facing a $3.6 billion** loss in funding and a 18.5% spike in uncompensated care demand that will affect their ability to keep their doors open.

- **Georgia hospitals** alone are also expected to **lose $6 billion over the next decade due to GOP Medicaid cuts.** As of August 2026, 18 Georgia health care providers are at-risk, announced cuts, are closing, or have closed, including:

    - **AT-RISK:** Clinch Memorial Hospital, Eisenhower Army Medical Center, Evans Memorial Hospital, Fannin Regional Hospital, Flint River Community Hospital, Irwin County Hospital, Shellman Medical, Washington County Regional Medical Center, Your Choice Healthcare

    - **CUTS ANNOUNCED:** Emory Healthcare, Wellstar Health System

    - **CLOSURE ANNOUNCED:** Rehabilitation Services - Coffee, Rehabilitation Services of Tifton

    - **CLOSED:** Clear Creek OB-GYN, Fayette CARE Clinic, Savannah Birth & Wellness Center, St. Mary's Sacred Heart Hospital - Labor & Delivery Unit, Therapy Works