

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

People across Illinois 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 200,000 Illinoisans. [Premiums](#) have doubled for 395,850 Illinoisans 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. Illinoisans 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 Illinois 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 Illinoisans, 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 **198,110 Illinoisans** have already lost the Medicaid, CHIP, or ACA coverage they counted on to see a doctor after Republicans gutted health care.
 - **196,235 Illinoisans** have [lost](#) their Medicaid or CHIP coverage.
 - **1,875 Illinoisans** [dropped](#) their ACA health care coverage after premiums skyrocketed.
- Premiums for Illinoisans [who counted on](#) the health tax credits Republicans gutted **increased by an average of 131% this year:**
 - A **45-year-old in Illinois** making \$64,000 saw their average annual premium costs [rise](#) by **\$2,777** to hit \$8,217 this year.

- A **60-year-old couple in Illinois** making \$85,000 saw their average annual premium costs [rise](#) by **\$23,661** to hit \$30,886 this year.
- A **family of four in Illinois** making \$130,000 saw their average annual premium costs [rise](#) by **\$12,200** to hit \$23,250 this year.
- Hospital systems nationwide are already reporting a surge in uninsured patients after Republicans ripped away health tax credits. **Illinois hospitals and clinics are facing a \$372 million** loss in funding and a 4.4% [spike](#) in uncompensated care demand that will affect their ability to keep their doors open.
- **Illinois hospitals [alone](#)** are also expected to **lose \$31.3 billion over the next decade due to GOP Medicaid cuts**. As of August 2026, 39 Illinois health care providers are at-risk, announced cuts, are closing, or have closed, [including](#):
 - **AT-RISK:** Community First Medical Center, Crawford Memorial Hospital, Franklin Hospital, Gateway Regional Medical Center, Hammond-Henry Hospital, Hardin County General Hospital, Harrisburg Medical Center, Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital, Humboldt Park Health, John H. Stroger Jr. Hospital of Cook County, Katherine Shaw Bethea Hospital, La Rabida Children's Hospital, Loretto Hospital, Massac Memorial Hospital, OSF Sacred Heart Medical Center, Richland Memorial Hospital, Roseland Community Hospital, Saint Joseph Medical Center, Vista East Medical Center
 - **CUTS ANNOUNCED:** Oak Street Health, OSF Saint Elizabeth Medical Center - ICU, OSF Saint Elizabeth Medical Center - Inpatient OB, OSF Saint Elizabeth Peru - ICU, OSF Saint Elizabeth Peru - Inpatient OB
 - **CLOSURE ANNOUNCED:** Carle Health Henry, Carle Health Spring Valley, HSHS Medical Group Occupational Health & Wellness - Decatur, HSHS Medical Group Occupational Health & Wellness - Effingham, HSHS Medical Group Occupational Health & Wellness - Greenville, HSHS Medical Group Occupational Health & Wellness - Highland, HSHS Medical Group Occupational Health & Wellness - O'Fallon, HSHS Medical Group Occupational Health & Wellness - Springfield, Saint Joseph Medical Center - Inpatient Pediatrics
 - **CLOSED:** Ascension Alexian Brothers Medical Center - Labor & Delivery Unit, Oak Street Health Madison St Primary Care Clinic, Vista East Medical Center - Labor & Delivery Unit, Weiss Memorial Hospital, West Suburban Medical Center, West Suburban Medical Center - Labor & Delivery Unit