

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

People across Kentucky are sick of choosing between affording health care and putting food on the table. Donald Trump and Republicans, including Senators Mitch McConnell and Rand Paul, 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 107,000 Kentuckians. [Premiums](#) have doubled for 77,424 Kentuckians 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. Kentuckians 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 Kentucky 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 Kentuckians, 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: Kentuckians Choose Between Paying More Or Foregoing Health Care Coverage

- An estimated **107,309 Kentuckians** have already lost the Medicaid, CHIP, or ACA coverage they counted on to see a doctor after Republicans gutted health care.
 - **94,392 Kentuckians** have [lost](#) their Medicaid or CHIP coverage.
 - **12,917 Kentuckians** [dropped](#) their ACA health care coverage after premiums skyrocketed.
- Premiums for Kentuckians [who counted on](#) the health tax credits Republicans gutted **increased by an average of 111% this year:**
 - A **45-year-old in Kentucky** 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 Kentucky** making \$85,000 saw their average annual premium costs [rise](#) by **\$23,661** to hit \$30,886 this year.
- A **family of four in Kentucky** 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. **Kentucky hospitals and clinics are facing a \$56 million** loss in funding and a 1.1% [spike](#) in uncompensated care demand that will affect their ability to keep their doors open.
- **Kentucky hospitals [alone](#)** are also expected to **lose \$26.7 billion over the next decade due to GOP Medicaid cuts**. As of August 2026, 39 Kentucky health care providers are at-risk, announced cuts, are closing, or have closed, [including](#):
 - **AT-RISK:** AdventHealth Manchester, Baptist Health Corbin, Baptist Health Madisonville, Barbourville ARH Hospital, Bourbon Community Hospital, Carroll County Memorial Hospital, Casey County Hospital, Clark Regional Medical Center, Deaconess Henderson Hospital, Fleming County Hospital, Harlan ARH, Highlands Regional Medical Center, Jane Todd Crawford Hospital, Kentucky River Medical Center, Marcum & Wallace Memorial Hospital, Mary Breckinridge Hospital, McDowell ARH, Middlesboro ARH, Our Lady of the Way, Owensboro Health Twin Lakes Medical Center, Pineville Community Health Center, Russell County Hospital, Saint Joseph Berea, Saint Joseph Mount Sterling, Spring View Hospital, St. Claire Medical Center, T.J. Samson Community Hospital, The Medical Center at Caverna, The Medical Center of Albany, Three Rivers Medical Center, TJ Health Columbia, Tug Valley ARH, Whitesburg ARH
 - **CUTS ANNOUNCED:** Lee Specialty Clinic, UofL Health
 - **CLOSED:** Ephraim McDowell Fort Logan Hospital Birthing Center, Fresenius Medical Care, Horizon Pace Glasgow, UofL Shelbyville Hospital - ICU