

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

People across Massachusetts 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 over 100,000 Bay Staters. [Premiums](#) have doubled for 294,241 Bay Staters 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. Bay Staters 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, 16 hospitals, clinics, and nursing homes in Massachusetts 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 Bay Staters, 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: Bay Staters Choose Between Paying More Or Foregoing Health Care Coverage

- An estimated **102,391 Bay Staters** have already lost the Medicaid, CHIP, or ACA coverage they counted on to see a doctor after Republicans gutted health care.
 - **89,471 Bay Staters** have [lost](#) their Medicaid or CHIP coverage.
 - **12,920 Bay Staters** [dropped](#) their ACA health care coverage after premiums skyrocketed.
- Premiums for Bay Staters [who counted on](#) the health tax credits Republicans gutted **increased by an average of 44% this year:**
 - A **45-year-old in Massachusetts** making \$64,000 saw their average annual premium costs [rise](#) by **\$1,094** to hit \$6,534 this year.

- A **60-year-old couple in Massachusetts** making \$85,000 saw their average annual premium costs [rise](#) by **\$13,230** to hit \$20,455 this year.
- A **family of four in Massachusetts** making \$130,000 saw their average annual premium costs [rise](#) by **\$7,493** to hit \$18,543 this year.
- Hospital systems nationwide are already reporting a surge in uninsured patients after Republicans ripped away health tax credits. **Massachusetts hospitals and clinics are facing a 1.1% [spike](#)** in uncompensated care demand that will affect their ability to keep their doors open.
- **Massachusetts hospitals [alone](#)** are also expected to **lose \$15.6 billion over the next decade due to GOP Medicaid cuts**. As of August 2026, 16 Massachusetts health care providers are at-risk, announced cuts, are closing, or have closed, [including](#):
 - **AT-RISK:** Baystate Franklin Medical Center, Baystate Health, Community Health Center of Franklin County, Mass General Brigham - Inpatient Burn Unit, Mass General Brigham - Women's Hospital, Mercy Medical Center, Pappas Rehabilitation Hospital for Children
 - **CUTS ANNOUNCED:** Community Counseling of Bristol County, Innovative Care Partners, South Shore Health
 - **CLOSURE ANNOUNCED:** Community Healthlink
 - **CLOSED:** Boston Health Care for the Homeless Program - Stacy Kirkpatrick House, Cape Cod Healthcare Urgent Care - Osterville, Mercy Medical Center - Maternity Unit, Merrimack Health Maternity Unit at the Methuen Campus, Signature Health Urgent Care