

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

People across Montana are sick of choosing between affording health care and putting food on the table. Donald Trump and Republicans, including Senators Steve Daines and Tim Sheehy, 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 8,000 Montanans. [Premiums](#) have doubled for 67,185 Montanans 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. Montanans 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, 13 hospitals, clinics, and nursing homes in Montana 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 Montanans, 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 **8,220 Montanans** have already [lost](#) the ACA coverage they counted on to see a doctor after Republicans gutted health care.
- Premiums for Montanans [who counted on](#) the health tax credits Republicans gutted **increased by an average of 175% this year:**
 - A **45-year-old in Montana** making \$64,000 saw their average annual premium costs [rise](#) by **\$3,943** to hit \$9,383 this year.
 - A **60-year-old couple in Montana** making \$85,000 saw their average annual premium costs [rise](#) by **\$28,044** to hit \$35,269 this year.

- A **family of four in Montana** making \$130,000 saw their average annual premium costs [rise](#) by **\$15,499** to hit \$26,549 this year.
- Hospital systems nationwide are already reporting a surge in uninsured patients after Republicans ripped away health tax credits. **Montana hospitals and clinics are facing a \$38 million** loss in funding and a 16.7% [spike](#) in uncompensated care demand that will affect their ability to keep their doors open.
- **Montana hospitals [alone](#)** are also expected to **lose \$2.3 billion over the next decade due to GOP Medicaid cuts**. As of August 2026, 13 Montana health care providers are at-risk, announced cuts, are closing, or have closed, [including](#):
 - **AT-RISK:** Big Horn Hospital, Big Sandy Medical Center, Big Sky Medical Center, Garfield County Health Center, Logan Health Cutbank, Northeast Montana Health Services, Northeast Montana Healthcare-Poplar, Prairie Community Hospital, Providence St Joseph Medical Center
 - **CLOSED:** CedarCreek Integrated Health, Center for Asbestos Related Disease, Intermountain Health Lewistown Clinic Family Medicine, Providence St. Patrick Hospital - Labor & Delivery Unit