

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

People across Rhode Island 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 25,000 Rhode Islanders. [Premiums](#) have doubled for 36,438 Rhode Islanders 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. Rhode Islanders 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, 5 hospitals, clinics, and nursing homes in Rhode Island 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 Rhode Islanders, 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: Rhode Islanders Choose Between Paying More Or Foregoing Health Care Coverage

- An estimated **25,401 Rhode Islanders** have already lost the Medicaid, CHIP, or ACA coverage they counted on to see a doctor after Republicans gutted health care.
 - **23,398 Rhode Islanders** have [lost](#) their Medicaid or CHIP coverage.
 - **2,003 Rhode Islanders** [dropped](#) their ACA health care coverage after premiums skyrocketed.
- Premiums for Rhode Islanders [who counted on](#) the health tax credits Republicans gutted **increased by an average of 143% this year:**
 - A **45-year-old in Rhode Island** making \$64,000 saw their average annual premium costs [rise](#) by **\$1,434** to hit \$6,874 this year.

- A **60-year-old couple in Rhode Island** making \$85,000 saw their average annual premium costs [rise](#) by **\$18,615** to hit \$25,840 this year.
- A **family of four in Rhode Island** making \$130,000 saw their average annual premium costs [rise](#) by **\$8,402** to hit \$19,452 this year.
- Hospital systems nationwide are already reporting a surge in uninsured patients after Republicans ripped away health tax credits. **Rhode Island hospitals and clinics are facing a 9.7% [spike](#)** in uncompensated care demand that will affect their ability to keep their doors open.
- **Rhode Island hospitals [alone](#)** are also expected to **lose \$3 billion over the next decade due to GOP Medicaid cuts**. As of August 2026, 5 Rhode Island health care providers are at-risk, announced cuts, are closing, or have closed, [including](#):
 - **AT-RISK:** Newport Hospital - Noreen Stonor Drexel Birthing Center, Our Lady of Fatima Hospital, Prospect Home Health & Hospice, Roger Williams Medical Center
 - **CUTS ANNOUNCED:** Care New England Health System