

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

People across South Carolina are sick of choosing between affording health care and putting food on the table. Donald Trump and Republicans, including Senator Tim Scott, 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 235,000 South Carolinians. [Premiums](#) have doubled for 587,715 South Carolinians 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. South Carolinians 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, 14 hospitals, clinics, and nursing homes in South Carolina 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 South Carolinians, 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 **234,130 South Carolinians** have already lost the Medicaid, CHIP, or ACA coverage they counted on to see a doctor after Republicans gutted health care.
 - **74,940 South Carolinians** have [lost](#) their Medicaid or CHIP coverage.
 - **159,190 South Carolinians** [dropped](#) their ACA health care coverage after premiums skyrocketed.
- Premiums for South Carolinians [who counted on](#) the health tax credits Republicans gutted **increased by an average of 285% this year:**
 - A **45-year-old in South Carolina** making \$64,000 saw their average annual premium costs [rise](#) by **\$2,248** to hit \$7,688 this year.

- A **60-year-old couple in South Carolina** making \$85,000 saw their average annual premium costs [rise](#) by **\$21,673** to hit \$28,898 this year.
- A **family of four in South Carolina** making \$130,000 saw their average annual premium costs [rise](#) by **\$10,704** to hit \$21,754 this year.
- Hospital systems nationwide are already reporting a surge in uninsured patients after Republicans ripped away health tax credits. **South Carolina hospitals and clinics are facing a \$1.5 billion** loss in funding and a 26.9% [spike](#) in uncompensated care demand that will affect their ability to keep their doors open.
- **South Carolina hospitals [alone](#)** are also expected to **lose \$5.4 billion over the next decade due to GOP Medicaid cuts**. As of August 2026, 14 South Carolina health care providers are at-risk, announced cuts, are closing, or have closed, [including](#):
 - **AT-RISK:** Abbeville Area Medical Center, MUSC Health Chester Medical Center, MUSC Health Marion Medical Center, Oconee Memorial Hospital, The Regional Medical Center
 - **CLOSED:** Brookland Cayce Medical Practice, Eau Claire Walk-in, Lake Monticello Family Practice, Little Mountain Pediatric & Family Practice, Memorial Health University Physicians Primary Care - Bluffton, Quality Autism Care, Ridgeway Pediatrics - Family & Dental Practice, Unity Health on Main, Waverly Women's Health & Internal Medicine