

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

People across Tennessee are sick of choosing between affording health care and putting food on the table. Donald Trump and Republicans, including Senators Marsha Blackburn and Bill Hagerty, 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 120,000 Tennesseans. [Premiums](#) have doubled for 592,946 Tennesseans 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. Tennesseans 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, 20 hospitals, clinics, and nursing homes in Tennessee 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 Tennesseans, 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: Tennesseans Choose Between Paying More Or Foregoing Health Care Coverage

- An estimated **122,037 Tennesseans** have already lost the Medicaid, CHIP, or ACA coverage they counted on to see a doctor after Republicans gutted health care.
 - **49,780 Tennesseans** have [lost](#) their Medicaid or CHIP coverage.
 - **72,257 Tennesseans** [dropped](#) their ACA health care coverage after premiums skyrocketed.
- Premiums for Tennesseans [who counted on](#) the health tax credits Republicans gutted **increased by an average of 320% this year:**
 - A **45-year-old in Tennessee** making \$64,000 saw their average annual premium costs [rise](#) by **\$4,200** to hit \$9,640 this year.

- A **60-year-old couple in Tennessee** making \$85,000 saw their average annual premium costs [rise](#) by **\$29,013** to hit \$36,238 this year.
- A **family of four in Tennessee** making \$130,000 saw their average annual premium costs [rise](#) by **\$16,228** to hit \$27,278 this year.
- Hospital systems nationwide are already reporting a surge in uninsured patients after Republicans ripped away health tax credits. **Tennessee hospitals and clinics are facing a \$1.2 billion** loss in funding and a 29.2% [spike](#) in uncompensated care demand that will affect their ability to keep their doors open.
- As of August 2026, 20 Tennessee health care providers are at-risk, announced cuts, are closing, or have closed, [including](#):
 - **AT-RISK:** Baptist Memorial Hospital Huntingdon, Dyersburg Regional Medical Center, Saint Thomas Highland Hospital, Saint Thomas Stones River Hospital, St Thomas Dekalb Hospital, Unicoi Hospital, Vanderbilt Wilson County Hospital, Wayne Medical Center, West Tennessee Healthcare Volunteer Hospital
 - **CUTS ANNOUNCED:** Dolly Parton Children's Hospital Developmental & Behavioral Pediatrics Clinic, Methodist Le Bonheur Healthcare
 - **CLOSURE ANNOUNCED:** Regional One Extended Care Hospital
 - **CLOSED:** Delta Orthopaedics & Sports Medicine, Hamilton County Dental Clinic, Ooltewah Health Clinic, State of Franklin Healthcare Associates - Highlands Family Medicine, State of Franklin Healthcare Associates - OB-GYN Specialists of Kingsport, State of Franklin Healthcare Associates - Pediatrics of Bristol, Sweetwater Hospital Association - Labor & Delivery Unit, West Tennessee Medical Group Gastroenterology