

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

People across Vermont 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 nearly 11,000 Vermonters. [Premiums](#) have doubled for 30,280 Vermonters 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. Vermonters 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 Vermont 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 Vermonters, 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: Vermonters Choose Between Paying More Or Foregoing Health Care Coverage

- An estimated **10,981 Vermonters** have already lost the Medicaid, CHIP, or ACA coverage they counted on to see a doctor after Republicans gutted health care.
 - **7,662 Vermonters** have [lost](#) their Medicaid or CHIP coverage.
 - **3,319 Vermonters** [dropped](#) their ACA health care coverage after premiums skyrocketed.
- Premiums for Vermonters [who counted on](#) the health tax credits Republicans gutted **increased by an average of 61% this year:**
 - A **45-year-old in Vermont** making \$64,000 saw their average annual premium costs [rise](#) by **\$10,100** to hit \$15,540 this year.

- A **60-year-old couple in Vermont** making \$85,000 saw their average annual premium costs [rise](#) by **\$23,855** to hit \$31,080 this year.
- A **family of four in Vermont** making \$130,000 saw their average annual premium costs [rise](#) by **\$32,617** to hit \$43,667 this year.
- Hospital systems nationwide are already reporting a surge in uninsured patients after Republicans ripped away health tax credits. **Vermont hospitals and clinics are facing a \$47 million** loss in funding and a 0.5% [spike](#) in uncompensated care demand that will affect their ability to keep their doors open.
- **Vermont hospitals [alone](#)** are also expected to **lose \$388 million over the next decade due to GOP Medicaid cuts**. As of August 2026, 5 Vermont health care providers are at-risk, announced cuts, are closing, or have closed, [including](#):
 - **CUTS ANNOUNCED:** University of Vermont Health Network, Vermont Psychiatric Care Hospital
 - **CLOSURE ANNOUNCED:** Brattleboro Memorial Hospital Birthing Center, Springfield Hospital - Adult Day Services
 - **CLOSED:** Copley Hospital - Labor & Delivery Ward