

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

People across Virginia 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 153,000 Virginians. [Premiums](#) have doubled for 326,268 Virginians 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. Virginians 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, 32 hospitals, clinics, and nursing homes in Virginia 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 Virginians, 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 **153,124 Virginians** have already lost the Medicaid, CHIP, or ACA coverage they counted on to see a doctor after Republicans gutted health care.
 - **123,373 Virginians** have [lost](#) their Medicaid or CHIP coverage.
 - **29,751 Virginians** [dropped](#) their ACA health care coverage after premiums skyrocketed.
- Premiums for Virginians [who counted on](#) the health tax credits Republicans gutted **increased by an average of 167% this year:**
 - A **45-year-old in Virginia** making \$64,000 saw their average annual premium costs [rise](#) by **\$783** to hit \$6,223 this year.

- A **60-year-old couple in Virginia** making \$85,000 saw their average annual premium costs [rise](#) by **\$16,169** to hit \$23,394 this year.
- A **family of four in Virginia** making \$130,000 saw their average annual premium costs [rise](#) by **\$6,560** to hit \$17,610 this year.
- Hospital systems nationwide are already reporting a surge in uninsured patients after Republicans ripped away health tax credits. **Virginia hospitals and clinics are facing a \$92 million** loss in funding and a 12.3% [spike](#) in uncompensated care demand that will affect their ability to keep their doors open.
- **Virginia hospitals [alone](#)** are also expected to **lose \$36.9 billion over the next decade due to GOP Medicaid cuts**. As of August 2026, 32 Virginia health care providers are at-risk, announced cuts, are closing, or have closed, [including](#):
 - **AT-RISK:** Ballad Health Dickenson Community Hospital, Ballad Health Smyth County Community Hospital, Bath Community Hospital, Bon Secours - Southern Virginia Medical Center, Bon Secours Rappahannock General Hospital, Bon Secours Southampton Medical Center, Carilion Giles Community Hospital, Carilion Tazewell Community Hospital, Children's Hospital of The King's Daughters, HCA LewisGale Hospital Pulaski, Hiram Davis Medical Center, Lee County Community Hospital, Sentara Halifax Regional Hospital, Twin County Regional Healthcare, VCU Health Community Memorial Hospital, VCU Health Tappahannock Hospital
 - **CLOSED:** Augusta Health Family Practice - Churchville, Augusta Health Primary Care - Buena Vista, Augusta Health Weyers Cave Urgent Care, Centra Southside Community Hospital - Labor & Delivery Unit, Chilhowie Elementary School -- School Based Health Clinic, Chilhowie Middle/High School -- School Based Health Clinic, High Point Elementary School -- School Based Health Clinic, John Battle High School -- School Based Health Clinic, Northwood Middle School -- School Based Health Clinic, Patrick Urgent Care, Saltville Elementary School -- School Based Health Clinic, State of Franklin Healthcare Associates - Abingdon Primary Care, UVA Health Appomattox Dialysis Center, Virginia High School -- School Based Health Clinic, Virginia Primary School -- School Based Health Clinic, Winchester Medical Center -- Observation Unit