

D.C. residents 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 D.C. residents Sick of President Trump and Republicans in Congress Gutting Our Health Care System

People across the District of Columbia 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 22,000 D.C. residents. [Premiums](#) have doubled for 3,458 D.C. residents 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. D.C. residents 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, 2 hospitals, clinics, and nursing homes in District of Columbia 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 D.C. residents, 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: D.C. residents Choose Between Paying More Or Foregoing Health Care Coverage

- An estimated **21,925 D.C. residents** have already lost the Medicaid, CHIP, or ACA coverage they counted on to see a doctor after Republicans gutted health care.
 - **21,466 D.C. residents** have [lost](#) their Medicaid or CHIP coverage.
 - **459 D.C. residents** [dropped](#) their ACA health care coverage after premiums skyrocketed.
- Premiums for D.C. residents [who counted on](#) the health tax credits Republicans gutted **increased by an average of 57% this year:**
 - A **45-year-old in District of Columbia** making \$64,000 saw their average annual premium costs [rise](#) by **\$3,383** to hit \$8,823 this year.

- A **60-year-old couple in the District of Columbia** making \$85,000 saw their average annual premium costs [rise](#) by **\$24,137** to hit \$31,362 this year.
- A **family of four in the District of Columbia** making \$130,000 saw their average annual premium costs [rise](#) by **\$13,290** to hit \$24,340 this year.
- Hospital systems nationwide are already reporting a surge in uninsured patients after Republicans ripped away health tax credits. **District of Columbia hospitals and clinics are facing a 0.4% [spike](#)** in uncompensated care demand that will affect their ability to keep their doors open.
- **District of Columbia hospitals [alone](#)** are also expected to **lose \$1 billion over the next decade due to GOP Medicaid cuts**. As of August 2026, 2 District of Columbia health care providers are at-risk, announced cuts, are closing, or have closed, [including](#):
 - **CUTS ANNOUNCED:** Children's National Hospital, MedStar Washington Hospital Center