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

People across Washington 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 50,000 Washingtonians. Premiums have doubled for 226,813 Washingtonians 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. Washingtonians 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, 36 hospitals, clinics, and nursing homes in Washington 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 Washingtonians, 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: Washingtonians Choose Between Paying More Or Foregoing Health Care Coverage

- An estimated **50,545 Washingtonians** have already lost the Medicaid, CHIP, or ACA coverage they counted on to see a doctor after Republicans gutted health care.
    - **24,465 Washingtonians** have lost their Medicaid or CHIP coverage.
    - **26,080 Washingtonians** dropped their ACA health care coverage after premiums skyrocketed.

- Premiums for Washingtonians who counted on the health tax credits Republicans gutted **increased by an average of 172% this year:**

    - A **45-year-old in Washington** making $64,000 saw their average annual premium costs **rise by $2,844** to hit $8,284 this year.

    - A **60-year-old couple in Washington** making $85,000 saw their average annual premium costs **rise by $23,916** to hit $31,141 this year.

    - A **family of four in Washington** making $130,000 saw their average annual premium costs **rise by $12,392** to hit $23,442 this year.

- Hospital systems nationwide are already reporting a surge in uninsured patients after Republicans ripped away health tax credits. **Washington hospitals and clinics are facing a $160 million** loss in funding and a 5.6% spike in uncompensated care demand that will affect their ability to keep their doors open.

- **Washington hospitals** alone are also expected to **lose $21.8 billion over the next decade due to GOP Medicaid cuts.** As of August 2026, 36 Washington health care providers are at-risk, announced cuts, are closing, or have closed, including:

    - **AT-RISK:** Astria Sunnyside Hospital, Coulee Medical Center, Dayton General Hospital, Forks Community Hospital, Klickitat Valley Health, Lake Chelan Hospital - Labor & Delivery Ward, Mason General Hospital, Mid-Valley Hospital, Odessa Memorial Hospital, Othello Community Hospital, Prosser Memorial Health, Samaritan Hospital, Summit Pacific Medical Center, Three Rivers Hospital, Toppenish Community Hospital

    - **CUTS ANNOUNCED:** East Adams Rural Healthcare - Ritzville Hospital, Overlake Medical Center & Clinics, PeaceHealth, PeaceHealth Southwest Medical Center, Providence Sacred Heart Medical Center, Providence Swedish, Seattle Children's Hospital, Virginia Mason Franciscan Health

    - **CLOSED:** DominiCare (St. Joseph's Hospital), Legacy Salmon Creek Pain Clinic, Legacy-GoHealth - Camas, Legacy-GoHealth - Cascade Park, Legacy-GoHealth - Salmon Creek, Outpatient Orthopedic Physical Therapy Clinic (Providence Medical Park), Overlake Medical Center - Lake Hills urgent care clinic, Planned Parenthood - Port Angeles Health Center, Providence St. Joseph's Hospital Orthopedic Physical Therapy Clinic, St. Michael Medical Center Pediatric Outpatient Rehabilitation Clinic, Swedish Weight Loss Outpatient Clinic, The Spokane Allergy & Asthma Clinic, ZoomCare Super Bellevue - Emergency Care