

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

People across West Virginia are sick of choosing between affording health care and putting food on the table. Donald Trump and Republicans, including Senators Jim Justice and Shelley Moore Capito, 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 West Virginians. [Premiums](#) have doubled for 63,036 West 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. West 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, 11 hospitals, clinics, and nursing homes in West 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 West 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.

BY THE NUMBERS: West Virginians Choose Between Paying More Or Foregoing Health Care Coverage

- An estimated **21,569 West Virginians** have already lost the Medicaid, CHIP, or ACA coverage they counted on to see a doctor after Republicans gutted health care.
 - **14,115 West Virginians** have [lost](#) their Medicaid or CHIP coverage.
 - **7,454 West Virginians** [dropped](#) their ACA health care coverage after premiums skyrocketed.
- Premiums for West Virginians [who counted on](#) the health tax credits Republicans gutted **increased by an average of 387% this year:**
 - A **45-year-old in West Virginia** making \$64,000 saw their average annual premium costs [rise](#) by **\$9,108** to hit \$14,548 this year.

- A **60-year-old couple in West Virginia** making \$85,000 saw their average annual premium costs [rise](#) by **\$47,463** to hit \$54,688 this year.
- A **family of four in West Virginia** making \$130,000 saw their average annual premium costs [rise](#) by **\$30,117** to hit \$41,167 this year.
- Hospital systems nationwide are already reporting a surge in uninsured patients after Republicans ripped away health tax credits. **West Virginia hospitals and clinics are facing a \$312 million** loss in funding and a 10.6% [spike](#) in uncompensated care demand that will affect their ability to keep their doors open.
- **West Virginia hospitals [alone](#)** are also expected to **lose \$3.1 billion over the next decade due to GOP Medicaid cuts**. As of August 2026, 11 West Virginia health care providers are at-risk, announced cuts, are closing, or have closed, [including](#):
 - **AT-RISK:** Broaddus Hospital Association, Grafton City Hospital, Jackson General Hospital, Logan Regional Medical Center, Minnie Hamilton Health Care Center, Montgomery General Hospital, Welch Community Hospital
 - **CLOSURE ANNOUNCED:** Vandalia Health Charleston Area Medical Center Memorial Hospital SurgiCare
 - **CLOSED:** Barboursville School - In-Patient Psychiatric Treatment Facility for Children, CAMC Greenbrier Valley Medical Center -- Labor & Delivery Unit, Vandalia Health Mon Stonewall Jackson Memorial Hospital -- Labor & Delivery