



**Community Health Center Medicaid
Day of Action Toolkit**

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Toolkit: Stop Congressional Cuts to Medicaid that Provides Care to 15 Million Californians

In the coming months, we may see an \$880 billion cut to Medicaid over ten years. This could lead to loss in coverage for millions, limited funding for key lifesaving programs, in many cases hospitals and community health centers may struggle to keep their doors open due to devastating financial impacts of what a Medicaid financing restructure can look like. Medicaid insures nearly 80 million people in America. Slashing funding would mean fewer health care providers, fewer services, and longer wait times for patients who already face significant barriers to care.

This toolkit is designed to help provide health centers the tools and resources for an effective statewide Day of Action to Protect Medicaid on May 14th. Throughout the day, health centers across the state will use this messaging to spread the word about the vital role Medicaid plays in the communities they serve. Our day of action was strategically timed with the [NACHC fly-in](#) to further amplify our message. We encourage our member health centers to join our national partners in D.C. to protect vital Medicaid services for CHC patients.

Medicaid cuts would have devastating consequences for millions of California patients who rely on Medicaid (Medi-Cal) for essential care and the community health centers (CHCs) that serve them. Now is the time to stand up for California patients and the CHCs that serve them. Inside this toolkit, you will find the following materials. It is always encouraged that you personalize these materials to put in your own voice.

- **Talking Points** – key messages to use in conversations with stakeholders, policymakers, and the public.
- **Getting Involved in our Medicaid Day of Action** - a list of opportunities to activate CHC staff and patients.
- **How to Send a Text to Protect Medicaid** - sample texts that can be used to activate CHC staff and patients.
- **Sample Letters to the Editor (LTEs)** – customize to submit to local newspapers.
- **Sample Letter to Congress** – customize and send to your representative that you can adapt and share to urge your representative to protect Medicaid.
- **Sample Newsletter Article** – customize and share in your organization’s newsletter to inform members and stakeholders.
- **Medicaid Day of Action Media Plan** - to elevate public awareness, drive media coverage, and mobilize community action in support of Medicaid and its role in health equity.
- **Medicaid Day of Action Press Release** -
- **#IStandWithMedicaid Social Media Campaign** - a sample social media campaign to activate CHC staff and/or patients.
- **Sample Social Media Posts** – customize and post on your various social media channels to engage your networks and amplify our message.

Talking Points

Stop Congressional Cuts to Medicaid that Provides Care to 15 Million Californians

- California patients are at risk as Congress pursues cuts to Medicaid funding.
- More than 15 million Californians rely on Medi-Cal (California's Medicaid program) for health insurance coverage, including veterans, seniors, half of all the state's children, those with disabilities, pregnant women, and working families.
- Cutting Medicaid threatens the health and lives of California's most vulnerable patients, and the community health centers (CHCs) that serve them.
- California CHCs provide 24 million patient visits per year for anyone who needs care—regardless of who they are, where they're from, and whether or not they have insurance. More than 67% of California's CHC patients are covered by Medi-Cal.
- Health centers are often the only health care provider in many communities, particularly in healthcare deserts and rural communities.
- Slashing essential Medi-Cal funding would destabilize CHCs, forcing cutbacks in health services, staffing reductions, and even potential closures of health centers.
- Medicaid funding cuts would harm the care that is delivered to *all* Californians, not just those on Medicaid.
- The proposed Medicaid cuts amount to an added tax burden on all Californians, as newly uninsured patients are forced to forgo vital preventive care and instead end up in hospital emergency departments with more costly, difficult-to-treat conditions — leading to higher health care costs for everyone.
- Health care is not a partisan issue, it's a human issue. Medi-Cal patients come from Republican, Democratic, independent, rural, urban, and suburban districts.
- In fact, California voters have made clear that we need to protect this health care coverage, not tear it down.
- In November 2024, California voters overwhelmingly supported Prop 35 to protect and increase Medi-Cal funding. It passed with 68% of the vote and enjoyed strong bipartisan support – passing in every single Congressional district.
- We need California's congressional delegation to stand up for patients, and the CHCs that care for one out of every five Californians.

Community Health Centers (CHCs)

- There are nearly 2,300 non-profit community health centers (CHCs) throughout California and 1 in 5 Californians receive their care from CHCs.
- CHCs play a vital role in reducing barriers to health care access by ensuring that all Californians – regardless of income, insurance status, and immigration status – have access to quality health care. No patient is left behind.

- CHCs are often the only source of care in these communities, where they provide essential health care for everyone.
- CHCs provide comprehensive, quality, whole-person care. Many CHCs offer primary care, prenatal care, mental health care, dental care, urgent care, optometry services, OBGYN services, chiropractic services, and pharmacy services, just to name a few.
- CHCs are a safety net provider, caring for nearly 4 million Californians below the federal poverty line, 832,000 agricultural/migrant workers, 338,000 persons experiencing homelessness, 115,000 school-based care patients, and 33,600 veterans.

Impact on Veterans

- Nearly 1.6 million veterans rely on Medicaid for critical health coverage — including those with service-related disabilities and those who live in rural or underserved areas.
 - Another 4 million family members of Veterans and tens of thousands of families with active-duty service members rely on Medicaid and CHIP.
- Cuts to Medicaid would jeopardize access to mental health services, addiction treatment, and long-term care — services that are often not fully available through the VA system and are essential for veterans reintegrating into civilian life.
- Nearly half of veterans on Medicaid are not enrolled in VA health care, often due to eligibility barriers.
- Many use Medicaid alongside VA services to fill gaps in coverage — particularly for prescriptions, nursing home care, and emergency services. Slashing Medicaid would leave many veterans with no viable alternative for care.
- Proposed program changes such as work requirements or federal caps on payments would shift costs to states, which could lead to reduced Medicaid eligibility and benefits, and would disproportionately impact low-income and disabled veterans, who may face longer wait times, fewer provider options, or outright loss of coverage.
- Over 1.2 million veterans live in households that receive SNAP (formerly food stamps), including older veterans and those with disabilities.
- Veterans are more likely to experience food insecurity (over 7%) than non-veterans. Reductions in SNAP could increase food insecurity, undermining veterans' health and stability — especially for those already living on fixed incomes.
- These programs reflect a national commitment to support those who have served. Cutting them breaks that promise and could force veterans to choose between medication and meals.


Maternal Health Outcomes


- Democrats passed legislation extending postpartum Medicaid coverage from 6 weeks to 1 year, benefiting moms in 49 states.
- States that expanded Medicaid under the ACA saw a 17% reduction in postpartum hospitalizations and lower maternal mortality compared to non-expansion states.
- Rural hospitals depend on Medicaid to stay open. Changes like mandatory work requirements or restrictions on provider/MCO taxes could reduce Medicaid enrollment and limit hospital funding, putting maternal care at risk.


Medicaid Day of Action


On **May 14th** community health centers and clinics across California will stand “United for Medicaid Access”. Join us for a statewide day of action!

Here’s how you can get involved:

 **Send a Postcard** – A personal message goes a long way! Let policymakers hear directly from your clinic or community on why they should protect Medicaid. Collect postcards and drop them off at your Congressman’s district office. [CLICK HERE](#) to access NACHC’s downloadable bilingual postcard (ENG/SPAN) along with instructions on how to print and fill out the postcard.

 **Send a Text** – Help us spread the word by sending 8 million texts. Let your staff, patients, and community know why Medicaid must be protected.

 **Write a Letter to the Editor** – Share your perspective in your local paper. Highlight how Medicaid cuts impact your patients and community. Sample LTE’s can be found on pages 9 and 10..

 **Call or email your Representative** – Contact your member of Congress to let them know what Medicaid means to you and your community. Share and amplify our [Protect Medicaid action alert](#) in your health center newsletters and/or [CLICK HERE](#) to access a customizable poster that you can place around your health center waiting rooms, check-in tables, etc.

The CPCA Advocates team has put together a list of resources that can help you take action: [Medicaid Landing Page](#)

How to Send a Text to Protect Medicaid


1. **Use your health center contact list** - If your health center has a staff or patient contact list where folks have opted to receive and/or participate in any advocacy related information, share the following message:

SAMPLE TEXT

Hello _____,

DYK?: Over 15 million Californians count on Medi-Cal (California's version of Medicaid) for their health coverage? That's nearly 1 in 3 people! Community health centers like [INSERT CHC NAME] are on the frontlines, delivering over 24 million patient visits every year — no matter who walks through our doors. In fact, ___% of our patients at [INSERT CHC NAME] rely on Medi-Cal to get the care they need. 🩺

But right now, vital Medicaid funding is at risk — and that puts our patients, staff, and services in jeopardy. Cuts could mean fewer doctors, longer wait times, and even the closure of trusted health centers across California.

 **We need your help. Will you stand with us and take action to PROTECT MEDICAID?**

Together, we can keep care accessible for every Californian who needs it.

Learn more & take action here: [California Primary Care Association | Urge Your Congressman to PROTECT MEDICAID](#)

2. **Send a text to 5 friends** - Ask your interested patients and staff to send a text to 5 of their friends asking them to take action.

SAMPLE TEXT

Hey _____!

Just wanted to share something important — over 15 million people in CA rely on Medi-Cal (California's version of Medicaid) for health care, and clinics like [INSERT CHC NAME] (where ___% of our patients are on Medi-Cal) are at risk if funding gets cut. That means fewer services, staff, and maybe even closures. 🩺

Will you join me by taking action to protect Medicaid? It ONLY takes 3 minutes !

Learn more & take action here: [California Primary Care Association | Urge Your Congressman to PROTECT MEDICAID](#)

3. **Join our statewide text bank program** – Help us reach 8 million voters via text! Create an account with [Protect Our Health Care](#), visit their website for instructions and video tutorials on how to use the text bank software.

Sample Patient LTE

Note: letters to the editor are typically 150-250 words depending on the outlet. Please adapt accordingly but be mindful of word limits.

I am one of the 15 million Californians who rely on Medicaid (Medi-Cal) for health insurance coverage. Medi-Cal has allowed me to receive high-quality, comprehensive care at a community health center (CHC) in *[insert name of city]* for *[insert number]* of years.

[Insert personal story about your experience receiving care at a CHC]

I am deeply concerned about Congress' push to slash Medicaid funding by billions of dollars. These cuts are not just numbers on a budget – they threaten the health and lives of patients like me and the CHCs that serve our communities.

Thanks to Medi-Cal *[insert name of the CHC you receive care at]* I have access to essential healthcare services *[insert services you receive at your CHC i.e. primary care, mental health services, dental care, chiropractic services, optometry]*. But if Congress' Medicaid funding cuts move forward, I could lose access to this critical care. Without access to care, I would have no choice but to forgo preventative care, leading to more emergency room visits, which ultimately will lead to higher costs for everyone.

Healthcare is not a partisan issue, it's a human issue. Now more than ever, our congressional representatives must defend Medicaid and stand up for patients and the CHCs that keep our communities healthy.

Sample Health Center Provider LTE

Note: letters to the editor are typically 150-250 words depending on the outlet. Please adapt accordingly but be mindful of word limits.

As a health care provider at a community health center (CHC) in *[insert name of city]*, I am deeply concerned about Congress' efforts to cut billions from Medicaid, which threatens the health of millions of Californians and the CHCs that serve them.

California's Medicaid program (Medi-Cal) covers 15 million people in the state, including veterans, seniors, half of all the state's children, those with disabilities, pregnant women, and working families. Thanks to Medi-Cal patients have access to comprehensive, whole-person care at CHCs, including primary care, mental health services, dental care, optometry, and more. *[Insert personal story about the patients you serve.]*

When patients have access to healthcare, communities are healthier. Preventative medicine means that people are relying less on emergency rooms for care, routine prenatal care means fewer pregnancy complications and early detection means more affordable disease management.

If Congress cuts Medicaid, millions of Californians could lose access to critical care. Without access to care, millions of California patients would have no choice but to forgo preventative care, leading to more emergency room visits and increased costs for both patients and taxpayers.

Access to health care shouldn't be politicized, which is why I urge *[insert name of your member of Congress]* to stand up and fight for California's patients.

Sample Letter to Member of Congress

Dear *(Insert name of your Representative – find your Representative [HERE](#))*

On behalf of *[insert organization]*, I urge you to reject the dangerous proposed Medicaid funding cuts that would threaten the health and lives of California’s most vulnerable patients, and the community health centers (CHCs) that serve them.

More than 15 million Californians rely on Medicaid (Medi-Cal) for health insurance coverage, including veterans, seniors, half of all the state’s children, those with disabilities, pregnant women, and working families.

If Congress cuts Medicaid, millions of Californians could lose access to critical care. These cuts are not just numbers on a budget – they will directly impact millions of patients. Without access to care, many patients in our district would have no choice but to forgo preventative care, leading to more emergency room visits and increased costs for patients and taxpayers.

Today, there are nearly 2,300 non-profit CHCs throughout California that provide care to 1 in 5 Californians. Two-thirds of California CHC patients (67%) rely on Medi-Cal for their health care. CHCs play a vital role in reducing barriers to health care access by ensuring that all Californians—regardless of income or insurance status—have access to a wide range of quality health care services including primary care, mental health services, dental care, optometry services, and more.

Health care is not a partisan issue, it’s a human issue. In November 2024, California voters overwhelmingly supported Prop 35 to protect and increase Medi-Cal funding. It passed with 68% of the vote and enjoyed strong bipartisan support—passing in every single California congressional district. Your constituents have made clear that Californians need to protect Medi-Cal, not tear it down.

Now more than ever, I am calling on you to defend Medicaid and stand up for California patients and the CHCs that keep the communities in our district healthy. The lives and well-being of your constituents and millions of Californians depend on it.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I look forward to your response on this critical issue.

Sincerely,
[Your Name] [City]

Sample Newsletter Article

Title: California patients are at risk as Congress considers cuts to Medicaid funding

[Insert Community Health Center Name] is working with a broad coalition of health care providers, patients, and community advocates to protect Medicaid funding from federal cuts – cuts that would have devastating impacts on millions of California patients and the community health centers (CHCs) that serve them.

With the recent passing of a budget resolution that outlines a framework for cutting up to \$1.5 trillion in spending over the next decade, Congress is one step closer to slashing Medicaid funding. While the House budget resolution is only a framework, it sets the stage for Congress to pursue policy changes in the coming months that would severely cut Medicaid funding. These cuts would jeopardize the health of California's most vulnerable patients, and the CHCs that serve them.

What's at Stake?

- More than **15 million Californians rely on Medi-Cal** (California's Medicaid program) for health insurance coverage, including veterans, seniors, half of all the state's children, those with disabilities, pregnant women, and working families.
- More than 67% of California's CHC patients are covered by Medi-Cal. California CHCs provide **24 million patient visits per year**, serving anyone who needs care—regardless of who they are, where they're from, or whether or not they have insurance.
- Slashing essential Medi-Cal funding would destabilize CHCs, forcing cutbacks in health services and staffing reductions.
- Without robust Medicaid funding – rural health centers, often the only primary care providers in their communities, could have to close their doors – forcing thousands of patients to travel many more miles to receive care.
- The proposed Medicaid cuts would ultimately amount to an added tax burden on *all* Californians, as newly uninsured patients would be forced to forgo vital preventive care and would instead end up in hospital emergency departments with more costly, difficult-to-treat conditions — leading to higher health care costs for everyone.

How You Can Take Action

Now is the time to advocate for California patients, health care providers, and CHCs. Here's how you can get involved:

- **Join our CA Action Network:** CPCA Advocates is building a presence in the public policy arena that can't be ignored. With nearly 2,300 CHCs with over 40,000 health center staff that provide care to 1 in 5 Californians, together we can ensure that our health-care safety net remains strong and stable. We can't do this alone. We need to raise our voices together to make sure we are heard and remain a priority for each of our legislators. Sign-up for our action alerts [HERE](#).
- **Contact Your Representative:** Urge California's congressional delegation to stand up for the over 15 million California patients that rely on Medi-Cal and the CHCs that provide care for one out of every five Californians. You can find your Representative [HERE](#).
- **Utilize CPCA's Toolkit:** Inside [CPCA's toolkit](#) you will find talking points, draft LTEs, a draft letter to a member of Congress, and draft social media posts you can adapt and use to amplify this important message.

Social Media Advocacy

Social media is a powerful tool to mobilize support, raise awareness, and hold elected officials accountable. To make the biggest impact, we recommend you follow these best practices when posting about protecting patients, Medicaid (Medi-Cal), and California CHCs:

- **Tag your members of Congress to demand action:** Elected officials are active on social media, and they pay attention to what their constituents are saying. Tag them in your posts and encourage others to do the same.
 - Find your representatives X handle [HERE](#).

- **Engage with posts and comments for greater impact:** Social media algorithms prioritize engagement, so the more people interact with posts, the wider the reach. Here are some best practice tips:
 - **Do:**
 - ✓ Like, comment, and share posts supporting Medicaid & CHCs.
 - ✓ Reply to positive comments to encourage more discussion.
 - ✓ Encourage others to tag their representatives to amplify the message.
 - **Don't:**
 - ✗ Ignore comments—engagement is key!
 - ✗ Get into hostile debates—stick to facts and keep it professional.
 - ✗ Forget to follow up—keep the conversation active!

- **Use hashtags to increase visibility:** Hashtags help your posts reach more people, policymakers, and advocacy groups. Always include relevant hashtags (i.e. #ProtectMedicaid, #SaveMedicaid, #IStandWithMedicaid) to ensure your message is amplified as far as possible.

Medicaid Day of Action Media Plan

Objective

To elevate public awareness, drive media coverage, and mobilize community action in support of Medicaid and its role in health equity.

May 5 – Build Momentum

- **Distribute Press Release:** Announce the NASCAR letter to media outlets to spotlight the broad coalition of organizations supporting Medicaid. Emphasize the unified voice behind the message.

Media Placement & Storytelling (May 5-9):

- Pitch op-eds and letters to the editor (LTEs) to local and regional outlets.
- Uplift compelling stories from CHC leaders, providers, and patients.
- Focus on themes of health equity, regional impact, and essential CHC services.
- Begin daily posts counting down to May 14.
- Share Medicaid success stories, local CHC data points, and patient testimonials.

May 13 – Send Media Advisory:

- CPCA issues a statewide advisory previewing Medicaid Day of Action.
- Regional consortia issue local advisories previewing Medicaid Day of Action in their region.
- Include a list of confirmed advocacy events and locations across California.

May 14 – Medicaid Day of Action

- **Issue Press Release:** Recapping the day's activities, stories, and statewide impact.
- **Amplify the Message:**
 - Release and promote the #IStandWithMedicaid video(s) on CPCA Advocates' social media channels.
 - Encourage partners to repost and tag using campaign hashtags: #SaveMedicaid #ProtectMedicaid #IStandWithMedicaid

Medicaid Day of Action Sample Press Release

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

May 14, 2025

Contact:

[Name]

[Title]

[Organization]

[Phone Number]

[Email Address]

Community Health Advocates Call on Congress to Reject Medicaid Cuts Amid Statewide Day of Action *California Health Centers Warn: Millions Could Lose Access to Care if Medicaid is Slashed*

(City) – As Congress considers deep cuts to Medicaid funding, California patients, advocates, and community health centers (CHCs) are joining together for a **statewide Medicaid Day of Action** to urge lawmakers to protect the essential program that more than **15 million Californians** rely on—including **half of all children** in the state.

In recent weeks, **patients and advocates across California** have raised their voices in opposition to harmful Medicaid cuts. As critical votes approach in Congress, grassroots leaders are calling on their representatives to **stand firm in defending Medi-Cal** and the millions who depend on it for care, dignity, and economic security.

“Medicaid, known as Medi-Cal in California, isn’t just a budget line—it’s a lifeline,” said [Spokesperson Name], [Title] at [Organization]. “It supports pregnant women, seniors, people with disabilities, veterans, and working families who simply want to stay healthy and thrive.”

As part of today’s **Medicaid Day of Action**, CHCs across the state are:

- **Dropping off handwritten postcards** at members' District offices from patients and staff urging Congress to protect Medi-Cal;
- **Participating in a coordinated statewide text bank** to mobilize thousands of constituents in key districts;
- And sharing **powerful patient stories and videos** as part of the #IStandWithMedicaid campaign on CPCA Advocates’ social media channels.

At the heart of California’s health care safety net are **community health centers**, which deliver more than **24 million patient visits every year**—regardless of background, insurance status, or immigration status.

Advocates warn that cutting Medicaid will strip access to preventive care, pushing more people into overcrowded emergency rooms—driving up costs and delivering worse health outcomes for everyone.

Beyond patient care, **Medicaid fuels California’s economy**, supporting jobs across the health system, sustaining local clinics, and strengthening the communities CHCs serve every day.

We urge (insert your member of Congress) to reject any effort that puts Medicaid on the chopping block. **Stand with your communities. Stand with Medi-Cal. Stand you’re your constituents whose health—and lives—depend on it.**

#I STAND WITH MEDICAID - Social Media Campaign Proposal

The “I Stand with Medicaid” social media campaign aims to mobilize CHC staff who work with those that may be directly affected by potential Medicaid cuts. Through social media, individuals will have a platform to engage in advocacy, share their concerns, and highlight the impact these cuts could have on the communities they serve. Pictures and/or short 10-15 second videos will be recorded and widely shared across various social media channels. To maximize visibility and impact, amplify these efforts by sharing with other Community Health Centers (CHCs), community-based organizations (CBOs), and coalitions, ensuring they capture the attention of both the media and policymakers.

Guiding Questions for participants:

1. Introduce yourself: What is your name and what is your role at your community health center?
2. “#I STAND WITH MEDICAID!”
3. Select from any of the following questions:
 - Why is Medicaid important to the community you serve?
 - How would the lives of the patients at your CHCs be impacted by cuts to Medicaid?
 - What would you say to those who support cutting Medicaid funding?

Recording Best Practices

- Pick a location with limited or reduced background noise.
- If possible, make sure there is not a lot of movement in the background.
- Make sure that the participant is centered in the camera frame and that there is sufficient lighting to ensure you get the best quality videos/pictures.
 - [SAMPLE VIDEO](#)
 - [#ISTANDWITHMEDICAID PRINT OUT](#)
- **iPhone Users:** To ensure your photos are compatible for sharing, go to Settings > Camera > Formats > Most Compatible to save photos as JPGs.

Posting on Social Media

- Include campaign hashtags and tag us: #SaveMedicaid #ProtectMedicaid #IStandWithMedicaid @CPCAAvocates
- Tag your legislators, find their social media handles [HERE](#).



Sample Social Media Posts

Sample X Posts:

- 15M California patients and the community health centers that serve them are under attack as Congress moves forward with plans to slash Medicaid funding by billions of dollars. #ProtectMedicaid
- CA's community health centers (CHCs) provide 24M visits/year. 67% of CA CHC patients rely on Medi-Cal. Congressional Medicaid cuts could force CHCs to reduce services, lay off staff, or even shut down—leaving patients without access to healthcare. #ProtectMedicaid
- In Nov 2024, CA Prop 35 passed with 68% of the vote—passing in every CA congressional district. @ *[insert the X handle for your member of Congress]* must listen to their constituents & reject Medicaid cuts that would harm vulnerable California patients and the community health centers that serve them. #ProtectMedicaid
- 🗣️ Medi-Cal serves Californians in every congressional district: Republican, Democrat, independent, rural, & urban. @ *[insert the X handle for your member of Congress]* must put patients over politics and protect the care millions rely on. #ProtectMedicaid

Sample Facebook Posts

- California patients are at risk as Congress pursues devastating Medicaid cuts. More than **15 million Californians**, including, seniors, veterans, half of all children and working families—depend on Medicaid (Medi-Cal) for essential health care. We need our congressional delegation to stand up for California patients and #ProtectMedicaid
- Medicaid funding supports community health centers (CHCs), which provide critical care to **1 in 5 Californians**. Losing this funding would mean CHC closures, staff layoffs, and reduced services in communities that rely on them. I'm calling on @ *[Insert the Facebook handle for your member of Congress]* to #ProtectMedicaid
- Health care isn't a partisan issue, it's a human issue. We need our congressional leaders to stand up for patients and protect Medicaid! Call your member of Congress today and tell them to #ProtectMedicaid <[Find Your Representative | house.gov](#)>
- The time is NOW! Congress is moving forward with plans to make devastating cuts to Medicaid, threatening care for **15 million Californians** who depend on

Medicaid, including children, seniors, veterans & working families. Call your member of congress TODAY and tell them to stand up for patients and #ProtectMedicaid

[<Find Your Representative | house.gov>](#)


Sample LinkedIn Posts

“Many local employers don’t realize how many of their workers are on Medicaid. When people lose coverage, it doesn’t just mean more ER visits — it means businesses dealing with a workforce that is sicker and less productive...We’ve seen this before. Without health coverage, absenteeism rises and productivity plummets...These cuts would be an existential threat — not only to the sustainability of the health system but also to the infrastructure that’s been built over the last 15 years,” said Francisco Silva, CEO of the California Primary Care Association.

 Learn more: [Proposed Medicaid cuts threaten Sacramento jobs, businesses and real estate, health leaders say](#)


“Without access to health care through Medi-Cal, many people will forgo vital preventative care and instead wind up in hospital emergency departments with more costly, difficult-to-treat conditions, leading to longer wait times in emergency departments and higher health care costs for everyone. Medicaid funding cuts will affect the care that all Californians receive, not just those enrolled in Medi-Cal,” said Miguel Rodriguez, Chief Administrative Officer of United Health Centers of the San Joaquin Valley.

 Learn more: [Central Valley health centers providing critical care face looming Medi-Cal cuts | Opinion](#)

 Did you know? 1 in 5 Californians rely on community health centers (CHCs) for their care. California CHCs provide 24 million patient visits per year for anyone who needs care—regardless of who they are, where they’re from, and whether or not they have insurance.

CHCs and the patients they serve are at risk as Congress considers cuts to Medicaid funding that would destabilize CHCs, leading to cutbacks in health services, staffing reductions, and even potential closures of health centers across California—millions of California patients could lose access to lifesaving care.

#ProtectMedicaid

 [Tell your representatives](#) they need to act NOW to stop cuts to Medicaid!

- Stand up for California patients and the CHCs that serve them
- Protect Medicaid funding

- In November 2024, [California voters overwhelmingly supported Prop 35](#), ensuring Medi-Cal funding was protected and expanded. It passed with 68% of the vote—in EVERY single Congressional district. Now, Congress is considering devastating Medicaid cuts that would destabilize community health centers (CHC) and jeopardize care for millions of California patients. California’s congressional delegation must stand up for patients and the CHCs that serve them.
#ProtectMedicaid