



**Medicaid – called Medi-Cal in California – provides health care coverage for 15 million people in California, covering more than half of all children and 1 in 3 people in our great state.** In fact, the Congressional district with the highest percentage of people who rely on Medicaid in the entire country is right here in California: District 22, which includes parts of Kings, Tulare and Kern counties and is represented by Republican David Valadao, where nearly 9 in 10 children are enrolled in the program.

**Rushing cuts to Medicaid's budget would devastate Medi-Cal,** which gets about half of its funding from the federal government. This would leave California on the hook to make up that huge shortfall from its own state budget – adding to further uncertainty due to the devastating wildfires and continued challenging pandemic recovery.

- More than **5 million children in California rely on Medi-Cal.**
- Nearly half (49.1%) of children in small towns and rural areas in California have health insurance because of Medi-Cal.
- 3 out of 4 children who get their health insurance from Medi-Cal are children of color.
- Medi-Cal is the primary source of coverage for Latine and Black children in California.
- Medi-Cal pays for 40% of California births and helps ensure access to critical prenatal care, maternity care and postpartum services.
- Medi-Cal covers 28% of children in California with special health care needs and disabilities, providing medical, behavioral health and long-term care.

## Long-term Impacts of Medicaid for Children

- Children who rely on Medicaid **do better in school** and miss fewer school days.
- Youth who get their health insurance from Medicaid are more likely to graduate from high school and go to college.
- Children who have Medicaid coverage have fewer emergency room visits and hospitalizations as adults.
- Children and youth who have Medicaid earn more money as adults than children without health care coverage.

## Children with Disabilities and Medicaid

- In the United States, over **6 million kids with disabilities get their health insurance from Medicaid.**
- Medicaid pays for 70% of long-term health services; most of these services are not covered by Medicare or private insurance.



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## Schools and Medicaid

- Medicaid is the **third-largest source of funding for K-12 public schools**, and provides physical, mental and behavioral health services to eligible students.
- Medicaid helps schools provide services such as routine health screenings, preventive care, and physical, speech and occupational therapies.
- Medicaid reimburses schools for services provided to students with disabilities and students from low-income families.
- In 2023, Medi-Cal provided over \$620 million in funding to California schools and reimburses eligible providers, including school counselors, psychologists, social workers, licensed clinical social workers, and licensed educational psychologists, providing both crucial care to students and jobs for adults.

## Mental Health and Medicaid

- California's children face a mental health crisis, and for many of them Medi-Cal is their only lifeline. 1 in 3 teenagers is now experiencing serious psychological distress and opioid-related overdoses among teens have tripled.
- Medicaid is the **largest source of federal funding for mental health services**, supporting mental and behavioral health treatment for children, adolescents and adults.
- Medicaid helps schools address gaps in behavioral health services, including mental health counseling.

## Medicaid and the Economy

- **Cuts to Medicaid will do nothing to lower health care costs** or improve quality and access to care. In fact, these massive cuts will make our health care problems worse by sharply increasing costs, medical debt and financial insecurity for children and families.
- Schools will no longer be able to offer much-needed programming and resources to support students' health.
- Health care will become more expensive for everyone, including people with private insurance.
- Families will be forced to pay even more out of pocket.
- Providers will raise their costs to compensate for fewer Medicaid dollars.
- Businesses will have to pay more to insure their workforces, passing along that cost to their employees in the form of higher premiums.
- Hospitals (including children's hospitals), birthing centers, community health clinics and nursing homes may be in danger of closing, leading to widespread layoffs, emergency room overcrowding and less access to care.

## CHILDREN ENROLLED IN MEDI-CAL

How many California children in your district would be affected by cuts to Medicaid? →

### WHAT CALIFORNIANS ARE SAYING

“My [young] patient had a cough and fever that was causing him to miss school. His mom lost her job because of it. When he got Medicaid, he was able to be seen by me and treated for asthma. He just got an award for perfect attendance. His mom found another job. This is what Medi-Cal does for our communities.”

– *Pediatrician, Santa Ana*

“I grew up personally in the foster care system, one of the most vulnerable populations in society. Because of my status, I have been eligible for Medi-Cal until the age of 26. This coverage has been my lifeline and any budget cuts would be devastating.”

– *Health Care Professional & Foster Youth Advocate, Loma Linda*



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Congressional District	Number	%
1 - Rep. Doug LaMalfa (R - Oroville)	121,828	63%
2 - Rep. Jared Huffman (D - San Rafael)	78,823	49%
3 - Rep. Kevin Kiley (R - Roseville)	62,503	36%
4 - Rep. Mike Thompson (D - St. Helena)	84,714	49%
5 - Rep. Tom McClintock (R - Elk Grove)	87,371	47%
6 - Rep. Ami Bera (D - Elk Grove)	128,375	70%
7 - Rep. Doris Matsui (D - Sacramento)	112,394	58%
8 - Rep. John Garamendi (D - Walnut Grove)	107,037	60%
9 - Rep. Josh Harder (D - Tracy)	130,099	59%
10 - Rep. Mark DeSaulnier (D - Concord)	47,201	26%
11 - Rep. Nancy Pelosi (D - San Francisco)	40,504	40%
12 - Rep. Lateefah Simon (D - Emeryville)	75,930	52%
13 - Rep. Adam Gray (D - Merced)	192,239	77%
14 - Rep. Eric Swalwell (D - Livermore)	63,266	37%
15 - Rep. Kevin Mullin (D - South San Francisco)	63,436	43%
16 - Rep. Sam Liccardo (D - San Jose)	45,106	25%
17 - Rep. Ro Khanna (D - Fremont)	43,662	29%
18 - Rep. Zoe Lofgren (D - San Jose)	143,080	68%
19 - Rep. Jimmy Panetta (D - Carmel Valley)	57,990	36%
20 - Rep. Vince Fong (R - Bakersfield)	114,426	50%
21 - Rep. Jim Costa (D - Fresno)	200,757	84%
22 - Rep. David Valadao (R - Hanford)	225,525	87%
23 - Rep. Jay Obernolte (R - Big Bear Lake)	150,290	71%
24 - Rep. Salud Carbajal (D - Santa Barbara)	99,663	53%
25 - Rep. Raul Ruiz (D - Indio)	170,189	79%
26 - Rep. Julia Brownley (D - Westlake Village)	91,185	50%
27 - Rep. George T. Whitesides (D - Agua Dulce)	114,055	56%
28 - Rep. Judy Chu (D - Monterey Park)	57,136	36%
29 - Rep. Luz Rivas (D - Los Angeles)	126,144	73%
30 - Rep. Laura Friedman (D - Glendale)	55,569	47%
31 - Rep. Gil Cisneros (D - Covina)	102,965	61%
32 - Rep. Brad Sherman (D - Los Angeles)	60,552	39%
33 - Rep. Pete Aguilar (D - Redlands)	151,157	66%
34 - Rep. Jimmy Gomez (D - Los Angeles)	120,154	82%
35 - Rep. Norma Torres (D - Pomona)	128,319	65%
36 - Rep. Ted Lieu (D - Torrance)	28,448	19%
37 - Rep. Sydney Kamlager-Dove (D - LA)	131,414	74%
38 - Rep. Linda Sánchez (D - Whittier)	86,292	51%
39 - Rep. Mark Takano (D - Riverside)	152,922	70%
40 - Rep. Young Kim (R - Anaheim Hills)	52,123	30%
41 - Rep. Ken Calvert (R - Corona)	98,000	50%
42 - Rep. Robert Garcia (D - Long Beach)	118,570	72%
43 - Rep. Maxine Waters (D - Los Angeles)	147,541	82%
44 - Rep. Nanette Barragán (D - Los Angeles)	115,523	64%
45 - Rep. Derek Tran (D - Orange)	83,112	48%
46 - Rep. Lou Correa (D - Santa Ana)	140,419	79%
47 - Rep. Dave Min (D - Irvine)	46,395	27%
48 - Rep. Darrell Issa (R - San Diego)	84,993	45%
49 - Rep. Mike Levin (D - San Juan Capistrano)	59,753	34%
50 - Rep. Scott Peters (D - San Diego)	44,518	28%
51 - Rep. Sara Jacobs (D - San Diego)	77,895	44%
52 - Rep. Juan Vargas (D - San Diego)	131,205	69%