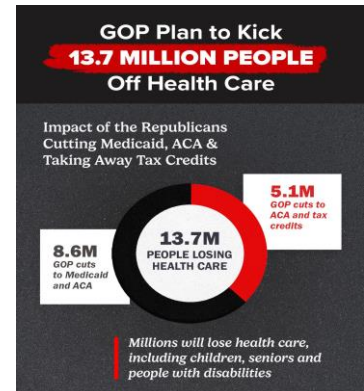


## How You Can Help Defend Affordable Access to Health Care

On May 22, 2025, the U.S. House of Representatives passed a reconciliation bill with **nearly \$1 trillion in cuts** to Medicaid and the Affordable Care Act (ACA) combined with \$290 billion in cuts to SNAP. Republican cuts to Medicaid and the ACA will terminate health care for **almost 14 million** Americans. Passage of this rushed, reckless multi-trillion dollar tax bill will trigger more than \$500 billion in Medicare cuts and eliminate essential basic needs programs for children and seniors. Senate Democrats are fighting to protect Americans' health care. **We need your help now more than ever.**

**Contact Senate Offices:** The best messengers for what this bill means for Americans are the patients, families, health care providers, hospitals, nursing homes, community health centers, pharmacists, nurses, and advocates in local communities. Activate your members and grass-tops to articulate problems with the Republican bill—the **time is NOW**. Engage governors, state legislators, county officials and local community leaders, like school board presidents and local law enforcement. Request meetings with your Senators at home and in Washington, DC. Call the U.S. Capitol switchboard at **(202) 224-3121**.



**Know the Data:** The Congressional Budget Office (CBO) has released [data on the cost](#) of the Republican bill and [estimated coverage losses](#). In anticipation of this bill, House and Senate Democrats [requested information](#) from CBO on how Republicans' health care cuts will increase the number of people who are uninsured. Because of the rushed, secretive nature of this process, CBO estimates are evolving and will be updated. **Until the CBO releases revised estimates, Senate Democrats are highlighting the below:**

- Almost 14 million (13.7 million) people will lose coverage because of Republican health care cuts
- The GOP bill includes nearly \$1T in health care cuts
- The GOP bill includes at least \$700B in Medicaid cuts
- The Republican bill includes hundreds of billions in ACA cuts
- The Republican bill includes the largest [Medicaid](#) and [SNAP](#) cuts in history
- Taking away ACA premium tax credits is another \$350B cut to Americans' health care

Democrats on the Joint Economic Committee released [state-by-state](#) breakdowns of these preliminary CBO estimates. **Use and share this helpful local data.**

**Share Simple Explainers:** Republicans' rushed, secretive process means we must act quickly to educate members of Congress, the public, and the media about the health care cuts in the Republican bill. We will collect and share easy-to-understand content that explains what the Republican bill will mean for our constituents. Be sure to make your content shareable with a link that can be cited.

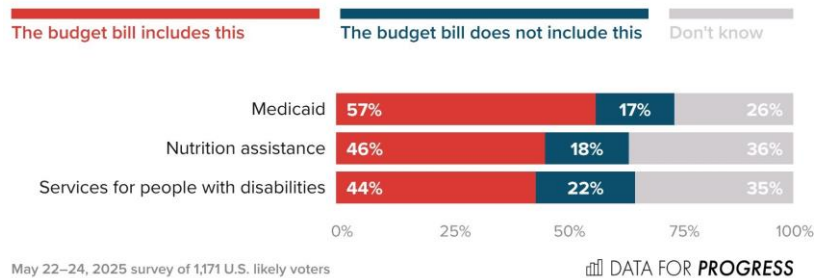
**Give the Broader Context:** The Republican bill is about giving tax handouts to the wealthiest Americans and big corporations by cutting health care and food assistance for working Americans. [CBO confirms](#) the Republican bill makes the lowest-income Americans worse off and the highest-income Americans better off.

**Thank you!** For questions, contact: [Lizzy\\_Burke@schumer.senate.gov](mailto:Lizzy_Burke@schumer.senate.gov) and [Stacy\\_Sanders@finance.senate.gov](mailto:Stacy_Sanders@finance.senate.gov)

## Have Voters Heard About Budget Bill Cuts?

In recent weeks, Republicans in Congress have pushed forward a budget bill.

To the best of your knowledge, does this budget bill include or not include each of the following? Cuts to —



**More than 4 in 10** voters don't know that the GOP bill cuts Medicaid.

**More than half** of voters don't know the GOP bill cuts nutrition assistance.

**Nearly 6 in 10** voters don't know that the GOP bill cuts services for people with disabilities.

**Share Personal Stories:** The most useful stories are short, descriptive, written in plain language, explain how Medicaid or the ACA helps someone, have identifying details (age, where a person lives, etc.), and are approved for public use.

**Share Data on Real-World Effects:** There is an urgent need to share data and analyses on the real-world effects of the House-passed bill. CBO is the gold-standard source, but Senate Democrats are seeking the below:

- **Population-specific** data/analyses (kids, seniors, people with disabilities, and other people) on:
  - Coverage loss
  - Increased out-of-pocket health care costs
- Overall and state-by-state data/analyses on **increased out-of-pocket health care costs**
- State/local data/analyses on increased **uncompensated care costs for hospitals**
- State/local data/analyses on the **likelihood of hospital and nursing home closures and job losses**
- Overall and state-by-state analyses on **operating margins for hospitals and nursing homes**
- Analyses on **hours of burden** resulting from new Medicaid and ACA red tape and paperwork requirements for health care providers, consumers, and states
- Analyses of what a specific percentage reduction in spending means for access to health care (e.g. a 10% cut to Medicaid would reduce X hours that a community health center is open)

**Make Your Views Known:** Members of the public and the health care community—and the organizations that represent them—need to share their views and positions on the Republican bill—the **time is NOW**. We are compiling external statements and letters to share. See [“What They’re Saying”](#) for examples.

Senate Democrats are collecting and disseminating the items listed above, including simple explainers, public statements and letters, personal stories, and new data and analyses. **Send all content to the Senate staff listed below, so that we can best utilize and share your resources:**

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