

Georgia

STATE MEDICAID FACTS

Protect Your Healthcare, Schools and Hospitals


The U.S. Senate is moving to approve **\$800 billion in cuts** to Medicaid that have already passed the U.S. House of Representatives. The bill will also end Affordable Care Act coverage for millions, allow out-of-pocket healthcare costs to increase, and cut Medicare spending by \$500 billion. Overall, 16 million people will lose healthcare, with 551,000 individuals dying unnecessarily each year.¹³¹

The bill will cause **84,000 people in Georgia to lose coverage from Georgia Medicaid** (the state's Medicaid program).¹³² Georgia will lose \$7,320,000,000 in Medicaid funding.¹³³ That money could be made up through firing public service workers, raising your taxes by more than 5%, or reducing funding for schools and law enforcement.



medicaid helps
72 MILLION
people with disabilities, veterans, new mothers, retirees, students and low wage workers.

In Georgia, 1,735,459 people are supported by Medicaid.¹³⁴ This includes 45% percent of moms giving birth,¹³⁵ 42% percent of children¹³⁶ and 72% percent of grandparents and other seniors in nursing homes in Georgia.¹³⁷ Medicaid also supports veterans, students, working families and AFT members.



medicaid is the
LARGEST
health insurance provider for children in the United States and covers about half of all kids.

School health professionals, like speech pathologists, occupational therapists and school nurses and psychologists, all rely on Medicaid funding. **Without Medicaid, they will not be able to help as many of the 230,000 students in Georgia schools with disabilities.**¹³⁸

We're in this fight together. Bipartisan groups representing **state legislators, state governments, county managers and cities** are concerned about the fate of Medicaid.¹⁴² **And 71 percent of voters who supported President Trump oppose cuts to Medicaid.**¹⁴³ We need you to **tell the political leaders and donors in Washington, D.C., to keep their hands off of Georgia Medicaid:**www.actionnetwork.org/letters/medicaid-cuts-2025

more emergencies, less staff

TRAGEDY

More patients will use the ER in place of primary care, and staffing and workplace violence in hospitals will worsen if Medicaid funding is cut.



Medicaid accounts for 19 percent of all payments to hospitals nationwide.¹³⁹ Cuts **could lead to longer wait times, rushed care, hospital closures** and an increase in workplace violence and other challenges faced by our healthcare members. Rural areas and small towns could be impacted the worst, with families having to travel hours for maternity or cancer care.¹⁴⁰

medicaid provides

THE MOST

federal funding to states for public services and schools. If Medicaid is cut, jobs will be lost.



Georgia receives \$11,783,000,000 in federal Medicaid funding annually.¹⁴¹ Gutting Medicaid will mean **job losses**—in hospitals, in schools and to Georgia public service jobs.

The AFT is a union of professionals that champions fairness; democracy; economic opportunity; and high-quality public education, healthcare and public services for our students, their families and our communities. We are committed to advancing these principles through community engagement, organizing, collective bargaining and political activism, and especially through the work our members do.

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