

Oregon

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.⁴⁸²

The bill will cause **248,000 people in Oregon to lose coverage from Oregon Health Plan** (the state's Medicaid program).⁴⁸³ Oregon will lose \$18,491,000,000 in Medicaid funding.⁴⁸⁴ 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.



In Oregon, 1,114,712 people are supported by Medicaid.⁴⁸⁵ This includes 44% percent of moms giving birth,⁴⁸⁶ 40% percent of children⁴⁸⁷ and 57% percent of grandparents and other seniors in nursing homes in Oregon.⁴⁸⁸ Medicaid also supports veterans, students, working families and AFT members.





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 88,000 students in Oregon schools with disabilities.⁴⁸⁹



Medicaid accounts for 19 percent of all payments to hospitals nationwide.⁴⁹⁰ 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.⁴⁹¹



Oregon receives \$11,466,000,000 in federal Medicaid funding annually.⁴⁹² Gutting Medicaid will mean **job losses**—in hospitals, in schools and to Oregon public service jobs.

We're in this fight together. Bipartisan groups representing state legislators, state governments, county managers and cities are concerned about the fate of Medicaid.⁴⁹³ And 71 percent of voters who supported President Trump oppose cuts to Medicaid.⁴⁹⁴ We need you to tell the political leaders and donors in Washington, D.C., to keep their hands off of Oregon Health Plan:<u>www.actionnetwork.org/letters/medicaid-cuts-2025</u>

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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