



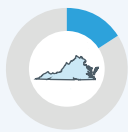
Medicaid Matters to Virginia's 2nd Congressional District (VA-02)

Virginia's Medicaid program (Cardinal Care) is a lifeline in Hampton Roads

Virginia's Medicaid program (Cardinal Care) provides health coverage for children, working families, veterans, vulnerable seniors, people with disabilities and many others in Virginia.¹

Medicaid serves as the core financial backbone of the Hampton Roads health care system, paying for care and services at local clinics and hospitals and serving as a critical engine for the local economy.

In VA-02, Medicaid Serves:



A total of 124,700 people — **16% of all residents** in the district.²



A total of 23,100 children — **13% of all children** in the district.³



A total of **11,600 seniors** and **people with disabilities**.⁴

Nearly 2 million people in Virginia are at risk of losing access to care if Congress cuts or caps Medicaid funding, forcing the state to offset budget holes by throwing people off coverage, cutting provider reimbursement, and/or eliminating essential health services.⁵ Any cut to Medicaid is a direct attack on the health and financial security of people living in Hampton Roads and runs counter to the will of the vast majority of voters from across political parties who want Congress to continue to guarantee coverage for low-income people through Medicaid.⁶



A total of **82% of adults** want Congress to maintain or increase Medicaid spending.⁷



A total of **67% of Republicans** want Congress to maintain or increase Medicaid spending.⁸



A total of **71% of voters** want Congress to continue to guarantee coverage for low-income people through Medicaid.⁹

Protecting Medicaid Means:

CHILDREN IN VA-02

Have access to newborn care, checkups, care for diabetes and asthma, and more.

Stay healthy and ready to learn, miss fewer school days, are more likely to graduate, and earn more as adults.¹⁰



FAMILIES IN VA-02

Have access to cancer screenings, mental health and substance use disorder treatment, and diabetes and blood pressure medications.

Have less risk of medical debt and eviction and can better afford to buy groceries or pay rent.¹¹



SENIORS IN VA-02

Have access to nursing home care, transportation to medical appointments, and home health services.

Stay healthy and receive needed care in their homes and communities.



Medicaid keeps families in VA-02 healthy and working

Many low-wage jobs either do not offer health coverage or offer coverage that is unaffordable. Medicaid provides health coverage for workers at these jobs so they can remain healthy and earn income for their families.

- **At least 31,181 low-wage workers** in VA-02 are covered by Medicaid.¹²
- Nationwide, **92% of adults** covered by Medicaid either work, care for a family member, have an illness or disability, or attend school.¹³

Cutting Medicaid would make our country's affordability crisis much worse for families in Virginia who already face significant health care costs.

Medicaid is the bedrock of the health system in Hampton Roads

Medicaid keeps hospitals in the district open. It pays for up to 20% of all hospital services provided at six facilities across the district, encompassing hospitals in Onancock, Suffolk, Virginia Beach, Franklin, and Chesapeake.¹⁴ If Medicaid is cut, hospitals will treat more uninsured people, and the amount of uncompensated care will increase. A total of 6% of the district's residents are already uninsured, and increased losses in patient revenue would put all Virginia hospitals at risk.¹⁵

Medicaid also plays important roles in providing access to behavioral health care and nursing home care. Medicaid is the largest payer for mental health care, substance use disorder treatment, and other community services to curb the opioid epidemic and care for people with mental illness.¹⁶ **Medicaid also covers 5 in 8 nursing home residents in Virginia.**¹⁷

Medicaid stabilizes Virginia's state and local economies

Medicaid is the largest source of federal funding for Virginia, accounting for 60% of the federal funds received by the state.¹⁸ Medicaid dollars ensure Virginia can deliver essential health care without depleting resources reserved for other essential services, including public safety, transportation, housing and education.

Cutting Medicaid would make our country's affordability crisis much worse. Americans from all backgrounds just voted for economic security, imploring their representatives to lower costs on everyday needs, including health care. Cutting Medicaid would be a direct betrayal of constituents by making health care more unaffordable. **Families in Virginia already face significant health care costs:**

- **78% of people living in Virginia** are worried about affording health care.
- **36% of people living in Virginia** struggled to pay medical bills.
- **46% of people living in Virginia** skipped needed care due to cost.¹⁹

Congress has the responsibility to stand with families in Virginia and across the country by protecting Medicaid and opposing any attempts to weaken this essential program.

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