

**As House Republicans Race to Pass a Budget Resolution with
With the Largest Medicaid Cut in History,
Public Comments from Republican Members of Congress
Expressing Concern Around the Impacts**

Updated: July 1, 2025

House Member Comments since late June:

- [6/24 Dear Colleague](#) from 16 House Republicans cautioning against Senate Medicaid changes, joined by Reps. David Valadao (R-CA), Don Bacon (R-NE), Jefferson Van Drew (R-NJ), Rob Bresnahan (R-PA), Juan Ciscomani (R-AZ), Jen Kiggans (R-VA), Young Kim (R-CA), Rob Wittman (R-VA), Nicole Malliotakis (R-NY), Nick LaLota (R-NY), Andrew Garbarino (R-NY), and Jeff Hurd (R-CO)
- [Don Bacon \(NE\)](#): Interview urging Senate to keep House Medicaid language in final bill
- [Jeff Van Drew \(NJ\)](#): Said he was a “no” on Senate’s Medicaid changes due to provider tax changes
- [David Valadao \(CA\)](#): Public statement that he would vote “no” on Senate Medicaid changes
- [Young Kim \(NY\)](#): Statement that she would not support legislation that makes changes to House-passed H.R.1 on Medicaid and SALT

Older Comments:

ALABAMA

Sen. Tommy Tuberville (R-AL)

- “Even Sen. Tommy Tuberville (R-Ala.), a loyal Trump ally, said during a Fox Business interview on Monday that the Medicaid cuts in the House bill could “decimate” his state, adding that Republicans need to “find a way around it.”
 - Source: [Punchbowl](#) and [Fox Business](#) March 25, 2025
- “Tuberville expressed some skepticism over potential Medicaid cuts. He said they would not be good for Alabama and that he might not vote for a bill that includes them.
- ‘Not unless they explain to me a good plan of \$880 billion from Medicaid,’ Tuberville told Alabama Daily News. ‘(It would) be hard for me to do it.’”
 - Source: [Alabama Daily News](#) March 26, 2025

ALASKA

Sen. Lisa Murkowski (R-AK)

- [Murkowski](#): “Sen. Murkowski — who missed last night’s Crapo briefing due to a flight delay — says “I want changes” to Medicaid provisions Said implementation of work requirements is a “significant challenge” & also said she’s concerned about impact of provider tax changes on rural hospitals”
- [Lisa Murkowski](#): “We’ve got some work to do to make sure that Alaskans are not going to be negatively impacted...particularly things like Medicaid and also some other priorities,”
- “I’m not saying you can’t touch Medicaid at all,” Murkowski said. “What I hope we’re moving away from is an \$880 billion cut to Medicaid. Because if that happens, this is going to be a very, very different state.”
 - [Source: Anchorage Daily News](#), April 14, 2025
- “Our assessment of it is that the impact, once again, to Alaska, if we see the kinds of cuts that are being floated over on the House right now, could be devastating to Alaska,” she said. “So I'm doing my homework on it and getting good, solid numbers, but I am, I'm alerting folks that this should be very problematic for us.”
 - [Source](#), Feb. 26, 2025
- “What happens is people are still going to get sick and ... have babies, and they go to the emergency room, and we're all paying for it,” she said. “It's not getting any cheaper here.”
 - [Source](#), Feb. 26, 2025

ARKANSAS

Sen. John Boozman (R-AR)

- “I’m very much not in favor of cutting benefits regarding Medicaid,” he said. “Many of our states actually do live within balanced budgets. And to dump a huge multimillion, tens of millions, in some cases, hundreds of millions of dollars in unfunded mandates would be really difficult.”
- “I don’t have any problems with increasing the work requirements a little bit or getting the work requirements for the nutrition program and Medicaid linked together,” Boozman said. “Those are things that I think there’s a lot of support for both in Congress and in the public.”
 - [Source, Talk Business and Politics](#) May 19, 2025

ARIZONA

Rep. Juan Ciscomani (AZ-6):

- “Medicaid benefits are a lifeline for our vulnerable populations, and I am committed to continue working to ensure these individuals are able to access the healthcare and support they need,”

said Ciscomani. “While I support targeted reforms to fix flaws in the program, improve the delivery of care, and reduce the rate of improper payments, I cannot, and will not, support any legislation that reduces Medicaid benefits for vulnerable populations the program was intended to serve, like the working poor, individuals with disabilities, single mothers, and the elderly.”

- [*Source: Rep. Ciscomani press release, May 2, 2025*](#)
- Signed letter in support of Medicaid to Republican leadership: “However, we cannot and will not support a final reconciliation bill that includes any reduction in Medicaid coverage for vulnerable populations. Cuts to Medicaid also threaten the viability of hospitals, nursing homes, and safety-net providers nationwide.”
 - [*Source: letter April 14, 2025*](#)
- Signed Congressional Hispanic Conference Letter:
 - [*Source: Twitter Feb. 19, 2025*](#)
- Quote: “While we fully support efforts to rein in wasteful spending and deliver on President Trump’s agenda, it is imperative that we do not slash programs that support American communities across our nation.”
 - [*Source: AZ Central Feb. 26, 2025*](#)

CALIFORNIA

Rep. Ken Calvert (CA-41)

- Quote: “We are not interested in cutting the social and health care safety net for children, disabled, and low-income Americans,” he said. “We are focused on eliminating waste, fraud, and abuse, as well as strengthening work requirements for able-bodied working age adults with no children.”
 - [*Source: Politico Feb. 24, 2025*](#)

Rep. Young Kim (CA-40):

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 - [Source: Politico](#) Jan. 23, 2025
- Quote: “I want to be very clear that I understand how important Medicaid is for many in our community to access health care services. As this process moves forward, I will continue to make clear that a budget that does not protect vital Medicaid services for the most vulnerable, provide tax relief for small businesses, and address the cap on state and local tax (SALT) deductions will not receive my vote.”
 - [Source: Young Kim](#) Feb. 26, 2025

Rep. David Valadao (CA-22):

- “[it’s] supposed to be a tax bill, and it’s becoming a health care bill”
 - [Source: X](#) May 2, 2025
- Penned letter in support of Medicaid to Republican leadership: “However, we cannot and will not support a final reconciliation bill that includes any reduction in Medicaid coverage for vulnerable populations. Cuts to Medicaid also threaten the viability of hospitals, nursing homes, and safety-net providers nationwide.”
 - [Source: letter](#) April 14, 2025
- “Obviously Medicaid and SNAP are ones that I’m very much watching,” Valadao said. He believes he is speaking for a larger group of House Republicans who are worried about what the cuts will mean for their districts.
 - [Source: Politico](#) Feb. 14, 2025
- “I know a bunch of people are whipping undecided because they want to let leadership know that if these cuts hurt people they aren’t doing them,” the lawmaker said. That narrative jives with the sentiment described by Valadao, who said, “I think there’s a lot of people in pretty conservative districts that this has a really negative impact on their districts and their states.”
 - [Source: The Hill](#) Feb. 16, 2025
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- [Source: Politico](#) Jan. 23, 2025
- Signed Congressional Hispanic Conference Letter:
 - [Source: Twitter](#) Feb. 19, 2025
- “Congress must provide robust support for our social safety-net programs, like Medicare and Medicaid so they can continue to ensure access to health care for all Americans. While we must reform Medicare to ensure the program remains solvent for generations to come, I do not support any changes to benefits for current beneficiaries and those nearing retirement.”
 - [Source: David G Valadao](#)
- Quote: “I’ve heard from countless constituents who tell me the only way they can afford health care is through programs like Medicaid, and I will not support a final reconciliation bill that risks leaving them behind”
 - [Source: The Washington Post](#) Feb. 27, 2025

COLORADO

Rep. Jeff Hurd (CO-3)

- “So my district is Colorado's third congressional district and nearly one-in-three people in that district rely on Medicaid. When I talk about vulnerable populations from my perspective, I'm talking on preserving the original purpose of Medicaid, providing health care for low-income groups, people like children, seniors who are dual enrolled in Medicare, pregnant women, individuals with disabilities, and families who can't afford private insurance.”
 - [Source: NPR](#) May 2, 2025
- Signed letter in support of Medicaid to Republican leadership: “However, we cannot and will not support a final reconciliation bill that includes any reduction in Medicaid coverage for vulnerable populations. Cuts to Medicaid also threaten the viability of hospitals, nursing homes, and safety-net providers nationwide.”
 - [Source: letter](#) April 14, 2025
- “It’s certainly something I’m watching closely,” Hurd said. “I know the importance of Medicaid funding to rural Colorado and the delivery of health care in the 3rd Congressional District. I know there are efficiencies to be gained throughout government, but I’m going to want to make sure that any efficiencies and savings we get don’t come at the cost of quality delivery of health care in Colorado.”

- [Source: The Daily Sentinel Feb. 27, 2025](#)
- “As Congress moves forward, I'm gonna be looking to protect the services and benefits that so many families in my district rely on, things like Medicaid and SNAP.”
 - [Source: DH News Feb. 25, 2025](#)

FLORIDA

Rep. María Elvira Salazar (FL-27)

- “I support to clean up the system which is what Musk is doing. I know what you're telling is \$880 billion that Energy and Commerce, but I am sure that for what I have learned and in all the meetings that I have been to that the benefits are not going to be cut. What's going to be cut are the waste and the fraud. And that we are not going to have to touch those who need Medicaid.... We understand - I mean, Florida has a great need for Medicaid recipients. So, I am confident, because it's not only for the Floridians, but for the New Yorkers. Everyone agrees that you cannot touch those who deserve the benefits.”
 - [Source: CNN February 26, 2025](#)

MAINE

Sen. Susan Collins

- [Susan Collins](#): she’s “inclined” to support the Medicaid work requirements in House tax cut bill but has other issues “it looks like, from a very quick review, that the way provider taxes are treated would be very harmful to Maine's hospitals”
- “I’m going to wait and see what the whole package is, rather than singling out individual provisions. The only red line that I’ve drawn—it’s a big one—is on Medicaid funding. ... I am very concerned about Medicaid cuts.”
 - [Source: The Dispatch](#), May 9, 2025

MICHIGAN

Rep. Tom Barrett (MI-07):

- Referenced in January Politico story: “Instead, they argued, Republicans needed to embrace the GOP’s role as the working class party. Leaders would counter that message by slashing programs working Americans rely on, they said. GOP lawmakers in the room included Rep. Brian Fitzpatrick

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- [Source: Politico](#) Jan. 23, 2024

MISSOURI

Sen. Eric Schmitt (R-MO)

- “President Trump said, ‘We’re not cutting benefits... I just don’t think that that’s anything they’re going to contemplate. There could be reforms within the system. I think work requirements are probably the biggest and easiest target to go do.’”
 - [Source: Semafor](#), April 29, 2025

Sen. Josh Hawley (R-MO)

- [Hawley](#): Big Medicaid cuts ‘morally wrong and politically suicidal’
- [Hawley](#): “I don’t want to see rural hospitals close their doors because funding got cut...I also don’t like the idea of a hidden tax on the working poor...That’s why I’m a NO on this House bill in its current form”
- [Hawley](#): Sen. Josh Hawley (R-Mo.), who has said Medicaid benefit cuts are a red line for him, told reporters he was “alarmed” at the changes. “This is gonna defund rural hospitals effectively in order to, what, pay for solar panels in China,” Hawley said, referring to the slower phase-out of clean energy tax credits. “I’ll be really interested to see what the president thinks about this.”
- “I think some of these ideas the House is talking about are, you know, bad, really bad,” Sen. Josh Hawley just now tells me about floated Medicaid policies. “They should just stop with this stuff.”
 - [Source: X](#) May 2, 2025
- “I would not do severe cuts to Medicaid,” Sen. Josh Hawley (R-Mo.) told HuffPost in an interview on Tuesday. “I don’t like the idea of massive Medicaid cuts. We should have no Medicare cuts of any kind.”
 - [Source: Huffington Post](#), February 19, 2025

NEBRASKA

Rep. Don Bacon (NE-02):

- “President Trump said last night that he opposes the proposal to make states pay more for food stamp (SNAP) costs. He is right. The proposal would cost NE \$85M yearly. Shifting costs to states is not saving money.”
 - [Source: X](#) April 30, 2025
- “You're going to have to show me how any additional cuts do not impact the quality of care or what our hospitals get,”
 - [Source: KETV 7 Omaha](#) April 29, 2025
- Signed letter in support of Medicaid to Republican leadership: “However, we cannot and will not support a final reconciliation bill that includes any reduction in Medicaid coverage for vulnerable populations. Cuts to Medicaid also threaten the viability of hospitals, nursing homes, and safety-net providers nationwide.”
 - [Source: letter](#) April 14, 2025
- “Most of us support work requirements for able-bodied adults with no children, and we should make sure it’s not going to people who don’t qualify,” Bacon said. “Beyond that, President Trump said he was reluctant to see cuts in Medicaid that will impact the most needy,” he added. “His gut instinct is right here.”
 - [Source: Politico](#) February 14, 2025
- But Bacon did vote to approve the resolution and said in a written statement after the vote he was “assured that the final bill will not affect the quality of healthcare covered by Medicaid.”
 - [Source: Nebraska Public Media](#) Feb. 26, 2025
- “I reflect about 20 people. I think there’s a bunch of us that don’t want to see cuts to the quality of health care and reimbursements to hospitals. We think \$880 [billion] would force that.”
 - [Source: Punchbowl News](#), April 9, 2025

NEW JERSEY

Rep. Chris Smith (NJ-4)

- “The Speaker has promised we will not see cuts in Medicaid, or Medicare or Social Security.”

- [Source: New Jersey Globe](#) Feb. 25, 2025

Rep. Jeff Van Drew (NJ-02):

- “It’s just off the table because of him [Trump], because of me, because of everybody. We just don’t like it. It’s a mistake,” said Rep. Jeff Van Drew, R-N.J., referring to the proposal to cut the federal government’s Medicaid expansion match.”
 - [Source: Roll Call](#) May 6, 2025
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 - [Source: letter](#) April 14, 2025

NEW YORK

Rep. Andrew Garbarino (NY-02):

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 - [Source: Politico](#) Jan. 23, 2025

Rep. Nick LaLota (NY-01)

- Signed letter in support of Medicaid to Republican leadership: “However, we cannot and will not support a final reconciliation bill that includes any reduction in Medicaid coverage for vulnerable populations. Cuts to Medicaid also threaten the viability of hospitals, nursing homes, and safety-net providers nationwide.”
 - [Source: letter](#) April 14, 2025

- “I voted YES on last night’s House Budget Resolution because it’s a critical step toward lowering taxes, cutting spending, and protecting vital programs like Social Security, Medicare, and Medicaid. While this resolution doesn’t directly make those changes, it paves the way for a future budget reconciliation vote that will bring real results,” said LaLota. “I’ll continue to support this effort if it raises the SALT cap, extends the AMT fix, keeps taxes low, and strengthens Medicaid by removing fraud, waste, and abuse. These are the priorities that matter to Suffolk County, and I’m committed to fighting for them.”
 - [Source: LaLota.house.gov](https://www.lalota.house.gov) Feb. 26, 2025

Rep. Mike Lawler (NY-17)

- “Lawler says he opposes this idea for a per capita cap for the Medicaid expansion. And said he also opposes lowering the 90% FMAP for expansion Said reporters keep asking the "stupid f---ing question" on if he supports lowering fmap”
 - [Source: Twitter](https://twitter.com) April 29, 2025

- On CNN interview with Ian Michael Black:

- ““So, Mike, we got you here. Which is it? Is Medicaid safe or is Medicaid going down? Trump or Johnson? Who's your daddy?”

Lawler started by saying, “There are many of us, myself included, who will not cut Medicaid benefits to our constituents. Period.”

“So when that bill comes to the floor and there's even a dollar in Medicaid cuts, you vote...” said his team captain on the show, Michael Ian Black.

“Well, we’re not cutting Medicaid, right?” Lawler replied.

“Right. But I'm saying, but when that bill comes to the floor, if there's even a dollar of Medicaid cuts, you're a no?”

Lawler responded, “On benefits. If you are eliminating any type of fraud or waste or abuse, that's fine. But benefits to beneficiaries? No.”

“I will not cut Medicaid benefits. No.”

“Right. so you're a no. If there's even a dollar in cuts to Medicaid. Very good,” Black added.

- [Source: CNN](https://www.cnn.com) Feb. 22,2025
- “Here's the reality - Medicaid wasn't mentioned once in the budget resolution we passed last night. The budget resolution was the first step in a long negotiation to address the most pressing

issues facing our country: border security, military readiness, energy production, middle class tax cuts — including SALT — and rightsizing the size and scope of the federal government. As we move forward, I will fulfill my commitments to protect benefits for American citizens and ensure these vital programs continue to receive the funding and support they deserve.”

- [Source: Twitter](#) Feb. 26, 2025

Rep. Malliotakis (NY-11):

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 - [Source: letter](#) April 14, 2025
- “There’s a clear understanding between many of us and the speaker,” Rep. Nicole Malliotakis (R-N.Y.) added. “We will not vote for something that takes away eligibility from our constituents, period.”
 - [Source: Punchbowl](#) April 9, 2025
- “I don’t know that the resolution passes,” Malliotakis echoed. “I think that there are enough of us who are concerned about the arbitrary number that was thrown out there for Medicaid, that the resolution may not pass the floor.”
 - [Source: The Hill](#) Feb. 16, 2025
- Signed Congressional Hispanic Conference Letter:
 - [Source: Twitter](#) Feb. 19, 2025
- “\$4.5 trillion doesn’t leave a lot of room for the president’s priorities,” Malliotakis said. “I’m also concerned about any deeper cuts to Medicaid, outside of going after the way it is mismanaged and some of the waste and abuse and ensuring we have work requirements and ensuring that noncitizens are not eligible. Outside of that, I don’t want to see cuts that are going to hurt my hospitals or my organizations that work with developmentally disabled.”
 - [Source: NBC News](#) Feb. 13, 2025

NORTH CAROLINA

Sen. Thom Tillis (R-NC)

- [Tillis](#): “What do I tell 663,000 people in two years or three years, when President Trump breaks his promise by pushing them off of Medicaid because the funding’s not there anymore, guys? I

think the people in the White House ... advising the president are not telling him that the effect of this bill is to break a promise..."

OHIO

Sen. Bernie Moreno (R-OH)

- "We're not going to cut benefits for American citizens... You can talk about anything you want in the other chamber but if it comes here with a cut to benefits, it's not going to pass."
 - [Source: X](#), May 6, 2025
- On proposed House process "I shut most of that out because they debate a lot of stuff. I call it a sandstorm of bad ideas,"
 - [Source: Semafor](#), May 5, 2025
- "We don't need to cut benefits. And it actually really infuriates me to hear people here talking about that, because it stresses people out. This is life and death for them."
 - [Source: Semafor](#), April 29, 2025
- "We don't need anything more than that. And, look, the whole point of the America First agenda is to make sure that we use your tax dollars to benefit American citizens. So there's no need to take away benefits from Americans," he said."
 - [Source: Semafor](#), April 29, 2025

OREGON

Rep. Cliff Bentz (OR-2)

- Miller: Do you support a change to Medicaid that would essentially get rid of money for the Medicaid expansion — meaning that more people in Oregon but around the country, tens of millions of people in red states and blue states now are eligible for Medicaid because of this expansion. Would you support changing that to essentially get rid of the expansion? Bentz: I think that's unlikely in two respects. One, I don't think that'll be something that we'll be doing, but I think it more unlikely that I would support it. But I'll just tell you that the area that you are asking about is a complex area, and the one that requires far more precision in the discussion that you and I are currently engaging in.
 - [Source: OPB News](#) Feb. 26, 2025

PENNSYLVANIA

Rep. Rob Bresnahan (PA-08):

- Signed letter in support of Medicaid to Republican leadership: “However, we cannot and will not support a final reconciliation bill that includes any reduction in Medicaid coverage for vulnerable populations. Cuts to Medicaid also threaten the viability of hospitals, nursing homes, and safety-net providers nationwide.”
 - [Source: letter](#) April 14, 2025
- “I ran for Congress under a promise of always doing what is best for the people of Northeastern Pennsylvania. If a bill is put in front of me that guts the benefits my neighbors rely on, I will not vote for it. Pennsylvania’s Eighth District chose me to advocate for them in Congress. These benefits are promises that were made to the people of NEPA and where I come from, people keep their word.”
 - [Source: Politico](#), Feb, 14, 2025
- Signed Congressional Hispanic Conference Letter:
 - [Source: Twitter](#), Feb, 19, 2025
- “Tonight’s vote was just a procedural step to start federal budget negotiations and does NOT change any current laws. I will fight to protect working-class families in Northeastern Pennsylvania and stand with President Trump in opposing gutting Medicaid. My position on this has not and will not change.”
 - [Source: Heart Land Signal](#), Feb, 26, 2025
- “If a bill is put in front of me that guts the benefits my neighbors rely on, I will not vote for it”
 - [Source: Twitter](#), Feb. 14, 2025

Rep. Brian Fitzpatrick (PA-01):

- “It’s laudable to want to cut out fraud, waste and abuse, to cut out fat, eliminate inefficiencies and redundancies in the system,” Fitzpatrick recalled telling his colleagues behind closed doors. “But we still need to make sure that we maintain a social safety net for the people that need it. That’s becoming of American values.”
 - [Source: Fortune](#) Feb. 16, 2025
- Referenced in January Politico story: “Instead, they argued, Republicans needed to embrace the GOP’s role as the working class party. Leaders would counter that message by slashing programs working Americans rely on, they said. GOP lawmakers in the room included Rep. Brian Fitzpatrick

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- [Source: Politico](#) Jan. 23, 2025

- “Tonight’s procedural vote was merely to advance the House-Senate discussions and deliberations regarding extending the current federal tax code, which is set to expire. It was one of multiple iterations that will volley back and forth between the House and Senate. The word Medicaid is not mentioned or addressed anywhere in this procedural bill. We will continue to keep a close eye on these deliberations as they continue, to ensure that the interests of our PA-1 community are protected.”

- [Source](#), Feb. 25, 2025

Rep. G.T. Thompson (PA-15)

- “If I had to sum it up in two words: program integrity. So make sure we’re delivering to whom, in the manner, in the amount, you know, that people living in poverty need to have, so we’re not looking to cut any benefits,” Thompson said.

- [Source: Yahoo News](#), Feb. 25, 2025

TEXAS

Reps. Tony Gonzales (TX-23) and Monica De La Cruz (TX-15):

- Congressional Hispanic Conference Letter: “Slashing Medicaid would have serious consequences, particularly in rural and predominantly Hispanic communities where hospitals and nursing homes are already struggling to keep their doors open.”

- [Source: Twitter](#) Feb. 19, 2025

- “The House Budget Resolution proposed \$880 billion in cuts to programs under the jurisdiction of the House Committee on Energy and Commerce, with Medicaid expected to bear the brunt of these reductions. Nearly 30% of Medicaid enrollees are Hispanic Americans, and for many families across the country, Medicaid is their only access to healthcare. Slashing Medicaid would have serious consequences, particularly in rural and predominantly Hispanic communities where hospitals and nursing homes are already struggling to keep their doors open. Moreover, the possibility of cutting Medicaid Disproportionate Share Hospital (DSH) funding threatens hospitals that serve low-income and uninsured patients.”

- [Source: Tony Gonzales](#) Feb. 19, 2025

VIRGINIA

Rep. Robert Wittman (VA-1)

- “proposals to reduce the federal match rate or impose a per-capita cap on spending “an absolute no-go” and “a non-starter.”
 - [Source: X/Richmond Times Dispatch](#), May 6, 2025
- Signed letter in support of Medicaid to Republican leadership: “However, we cannot and will not support a final reconciliation bill that includes any reduction in Medicaid coverage for vulnerable populations. Cuts to Medicaid also threaten the viability of hospitals, nursing homes, and safety-net providers nationwide.”
 - [Source: letter](#) April 14, 2025

Rep. Jen Kiggans (VA-2)

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 - [Source: letter](#) April 14, 2025

WASHINGTON

Rep. Dan Newhouse (WA-4)

- “We must ensure the neediest in this country are taken care of, but we are barreling toward insolvency for the programs they rely on,” he said in a statement. “I am prioritizing common-sense reforms that cut waste and abuse while delivering critical services to those that truly need it most.”
 - [Source: The Chronicle](#) February 27, 2025

WEST VIRGINIA

Sen. Jim Justice (R-WV)

- [Justice](#): “West Virginia Republican Sen. Jim Justice tells us he has “all kinds of concerns” about how the Senate bill overhauling Medicaid is written and casts a bit of doubt on meeting the Fourth of July deadline. “I think way more importantly than anything, we got to get it right.””

- [Justice](#): Sen. Jim Justice (R-W.Va.) said in an interview Monday he has concerns about an amendment from Sen. Rick Scott (R-Fla.) that would curtail federal Medicaid payments after 2030. Justice said he's "open minded" to negotiations on Medicaid but said if the Scott amendment passes, he'd "have a hard time" voting yes.
- "I have concerns. We've got a lot, a lot, a lot of folks in West Virginia that really depend on Medicaid...not going to just rubber-stamp anything."
 - Source: [Punchbowl News](#)
- "Medicaid is monstrously important in West Virginia, that's for sure," said Sen. Jim Justice (R-West Virginia). "[But] I think it's premature for us to run through the village with our hair on fire."
 - Source: Washington Post 2/27/2025
- Quote: West Virginia Republican Senator Jim Justice said this week he does not want to see Medicaid benefits cut, although he is open to rooting out fraud and imposing work requirements. "A whole lot of people are on Medicaid," in his state, he said, predicting Congress wouldn't slash their benefits."
 - Source: [Bloomberg Government 3/27/2025](#)

Sen. Shelley Moore Capito (R-WV)

- Quote: "Senator Shelley Moore Capito, also a West Virginia Republican, said she is "concerned" about the House budget and the Medicaid cut target is "awfully large."
 - Source: [Bloomberg Government 3/27/2025](#)

WISCONSIN

Rep. Derrick Van Orden (WI-3)

- "Millions of Americans depend on Social Security, Medicare and Medicaid, and I will have no part in cutting these programs for the folks that are legally entitled to them"
 - Source: [Twitter](#) Feb. 25, 2025
- "As @RebeccaforWI is busy spewing lies and fear mongering, I am busy making sure Americans maintain the benefits they earned. There are ZERO benefit cuts in the CR, and an increase in WIC funding for our young families. We will get this CR done then get on with regular order."
 - Source: [Twitter](#) March 11, 2025

CONGRESSIONAL LEADERSHIP

Speaker Johnson

- On per capita caps, which some moderates oppose: "I think we're ruling that out as well but stay tuned"
 - [Source: X](#), May 6, 2025
- "The White House has made a commitment. The president said over and over and over, 'We're not going to touch Social Security, Medicare or Medicaid.' We've made the same commitment. Now that said, what we are going to do is go into those programs and carve out the fraud, waste and abuse, and find efficiencies."
 - [Source: CNN](#), Feb. 26, 2025
- Meet the Press quote: "Yes, and don't take my word for it, Kristen. Go do a word search of the budget resolution that we passed on Tuesday. There is not one mention of Medicare, Medicaid or Social Security."
 - [Source: Meet the Press](#) March 2, 2025
- "Democrats either have an issue with reading comprehension or they're running a shameful misinformation campaign. The CR has NO CUTS to Medicare, Medicaid, Social Security, or veterans' benefits. Members of the media: if you're allowing Democrats to make intentionally false claims without pushback, then you're aiding and abetting in the spread of this misinformation."
 - [Source: Twitter](#) March 11, 2025

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President Donald Trump

- "We are going to love and cherish Social Security Medicare and Medicaid," Trump told reporters. "We are not going to do anything with that other than if we can find some abuse or waste we'd do something but the people won't be affected. It will only be more effective and better."
 - [Source: https://www.morningstar.com/news/marketwatch/2025020396/trump-gives-a-lift-to-healthcare-stocks-with-comments-on-medicare-and-medicaid](https://www.morningstar.com/news/marketwatch/2025020396/trump-gives-a-lift-to-healthcare-stocks-with-comments-on-medicare-and-medicaid)
- "Social Security won't be touched, other than this fraud or something we're going to find," Trump said. "It's going to be strengthened, but won't be touched. Medicare, Medicaid, none of that stuff is going to be touched." Trump also told reporters last week he wasn't going to cut Medicaid. "I have said it so many times, you shouldn't be asking me that question," Trump said,

invoking George H.W.'s now infamous promise not to raise taxes. "This will not be 'read my lips.' It won't be 'read my lips' anymore: We're not going to touch it."

- [Source: The Hill](#) March 6, 2025
- "The Trump Administration will not cut Social Security, Medicare, or Medicaid benefits. President Trump himself has said it (over and over and over again)."
 - [Source: White House website](#) March 11, 2025
- "Medicare, Medicaid — none of that stuff is going to be touched," Mr. Trump said in an [interview](#) with Sean Hannity. "We won't have to."
 - <https://www.nytimes.com/2025/02/19/upshot/trump-medicaid-tax-cuts.html> February 19, 2025

Laura Loomer

- "Blase's insidious push to eliminate provider taxes would gut Medicaid funding, hitting Americans the hardest in rural red states like Texas, Florida, and Louisiana, where Trump's base depends on the Medicaid program for survival... President Trump has repeatedly vowed to safeguard Medicaid, a promise that resonates with millions of hardworking Americans."
 - [Source: X](#), May 5, 2025

Steve Bannon

- "Medicaid, you gotta be careful," Bannon said on his Thursday podcast. "Because a lot of MAGAs are on Medicaid, I'm telling you. If you don't think so, you are dead wrong."
 - [Source: https://fortune.com/2025/02/16/steve-bannon-us-hospitals-republicans-congress-medicaid-cuts-maga/](https://fortune.com/2025/02/16/steve-bannon-us-hospitals-republicans-congress-medicaid-cuts-maga/)