



Federal budget bill threatens health coverage for 190,000 Alabamians

A bill passed by the U.S. House would put the health of thousands of Alabamians — and the state's fragile health care system — at serious risk.

What's at stake for Alabama:

- **190,000 Alabamians could lose coverage**

The bill would make cuts to Medicaid and would raise premiums through the Health Insurance Marketplace. As a result, thousands of Alabamians may lose their health insurance, and many would be forced to skip medications, delay care or go to the ER in crisis.

- **\$1.14 billion hit to Alabama's economy**

Raising premiums by letting enhanced Affordable Care Act (ACA) premium subsidies expire would shrink Alabama's economy by **\$1.14 billion** and cost the state **10,000 jobs** in 2026.

- **Blocks Medicaid expansion funding**

The bill would eliminate **\$619 million** in federal funds set aside to help Alabama expand Medicaid. This would deny Alabama the chance to cover at least 200,000 more residents — including veterans, college students, caregivers and more.

- **Pushes Alabama's health care system closer to collapse**

Alabama's health care infrastructure is already stretched thin — with **at least 20 rural hospitals** already at risk of closing. This bill would put more than **\$400 million per year** in state Medicaid provider taxes at risk. As a result, our state lawmakers could be forced to cut coverage or raise new taxes to fill the gap.

- **Raises health care costs for *everyone***

When people lose coverage, hospitals and providers still deliver care — but with no reimbursement. That means higher health care costs for everyone — **no matter what type of coverage you have.**