

WHAT'S AT STAKE FOR HEALTH CARE

**FIGHT
FOR OUR
HEALTH**

IN REP. DAVID VALADAO'S CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 22

In 2025, **Congressional Republicans** are focusing their legislative efforts on extending the 2017 Trump tax cuts. To pay for these tax cuts, Congress is planning major cuts or rollbacks to federal programs, including Medicare, Medicaid (Medi-Cal in California) and Affordable Care Act marketplaces like Covered California. The majority of Californians rely on these programs for their health care coverage. Cuts would gut and dismantle these crucial programs and take away life-saving health care coverage and access for millions of Californians which will ultimately lead to unnecessary suffering, illness, and death.

IN DISTRICT 22

527,000

Enrolled in Medi-Cal

> 67% of residents

225,525

are kids between
0-19 years

46,000

are seniors and people
with disabilities.



MEDI-CAL

Nearly 15 million Californians depend on Medi-Cal, which provides free health care, dental care, vision care, mental health care, substance use disorder services, and long-term care to low-income families, seniors, and people with disabilities across the state.

In Congressional District 22, Medi-Cal enjoys wide bipartisan support, with 67% of voters viewing it favorably. Because of this, district voters oppose cuts to Medicaid by an 18-point margin.¹

In the 22nd Congressional District, 527,000 people are enrolled in Medi-Cal, which is 67% of the people in the district.² This includes a staggering 225,525 people between the ages of 0 and 19, **which means nearly 9 in 10 kids represented by Congressman Valadao are served by Medi-Cal.**³



\$5.8 Billion

Medi-Cal dollars spent in the district



67%

View Medi-Cal favorably

MEDI-CAL (continued)

A cut to Medi-Cal is also a cut to Medicare: Medi-Cal pays for services Medicare does not cover. It is the primary payer for long-term services and supports and pays for unaffordable Medicare out-of-pocket costs like premiums, co-pays, and co-insurance. In Congressional District 22, there are over 46,000 people who are eligible for both Medi-Cal and Medicare. Many of these are folks who are low-income seniors and people who are disabled and rely on these programs for survival. Any cut to Medi-Cal will impact them even if Medicare is left untouched.⁴

In total, \$5.8 billion Medi-Cal dollars are being spent to cover kids, working adults, seniors, and disabled community members in the district.⁵ This benefits not only the patients served, but also bolsters the stability of fiscally vulnerable health care providers. A facility closure could impact the whole community, not only lowering access to care, but reducing jobs and creating a ripple effect on the local economy.

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COVERED CALIFORNIA

California's state-based health care marketplace, Covered California, fills a key gap for those that earn too much to qualify for Medi-Cal, but do not get their health coverage through their jobs. Federal and state financial assistance make this care affordable for individuals and families.

In Congressional District 22, 18,000 people receive their coverage through Covered California.⁶ This includes nearly 15,000 people who benefit from the current federal enhanced subsidies that ensure that no one pays more than 8.5% of their income on premium costs - with most paying much less. If this premium assistance is not extended by Congress by the end of 2025, premiums for residents in CA-22 will spike 95%, an average of \$85 per month.⁷ The longer the subsidies are delayed in Congress, the more likely there will be an impact on consumers next year. California has also helped to offset other costs like deductibles and co-pays for tens of thousands of Californians, removing more barriers to care. If the federal assistance for premium subsidies does not continue, California will likely not be able to continue this assistance, and out-of-pocket costs will also skyrocket.

IN DISTRICT 22



18,000

Receive coverage through
Covered California

\$85

per month
average premium
increase without federal
subsidy extension



¹ California's 22nd Congressional District, Public Opinion Research Summary", David Binder Research, February 2025

² UC Berkeley Labor Center, Medi-Cal Enrollment by District and County 2024, updated February 3, 2025

³ Department of Health Care Services, "Medi-Cal Certified Eligible Counts by Legislative District and Aid Category (Ages 0-19) - July 2024 (Updated February 2025)

⁴ UC Berkeley Labor Center analysis of statewide dual eligibles (DHCS, July 2024) distributed proportionally based on SPD enrollment by district (DHCS, July 2024)

⁵ UC Berkeley Labor Center, Medi-Cal Enrollment by District and County 2024, updated February 3, 2025

⁶ Covered California Active Member Profile, June 2024

⁷ Covered California, "Impact of Enhanced Inflation Reduction Act Subsidies for Covered California Enrollees, March 2024,"

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