

WHAT'S AT STAKE FOR HEALTH CARE

**FIGHT
FOR OUR
HEALTH**

IN REP. DAVID VALADAO'S CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 22

Nine California Congressmembers cast the deciding votes on a budget bill containing the biggest health care cuts in American history, a bill Donald Trump signed to give corporations and the wealthy the largest tax cuts in history. After promising to protect Medicaid, Rep. David Valadao (CA-22) voted yes on the bill which contains nearly \$1 trillion in cuts to Medicaid. These unprecedented Medicaid cuts will gut California's Medi-Cal program, terminating health care for millions including people fighting cancer, seniors in nursing homes, children, veterans, people with disabilities, people seeking reproductive care, and working families.

IN DISTRICT 22

482,000

Enrolled in Medi-Cal

> 62% 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 in 2025, 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 new 22nd Congressional District, 482,000 people are enrolled in Medi-Cal, which is 62% of the people in the district.² In 2025, this included 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 in 2025, there were over 46,000 people who are eligible for both Medi-Cal and Medicare. Many of these 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 the new Congressional District 22, 22,706 people receive their coverage through Covered California.⁶ This includes more than 18,000 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. This premium assistance was not extended by Congress by the end of 2025, so premiums for these residents in CA-22 have nearly doubled.⁷

IN DISTRICT 22



22,706

Receive coverage through
Covered California

\$93

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 <https://laborcenter.berkeley.edu/medi-cal-enrollment-by-district-and-county-2026>

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 <https://laborcenter.berkeley.edu/covered-california-enrollment-by-district-and-county-2026>

⁷ <https://hbex.coveredca.com/data-research/library/California%20Congressional%20District%20Data%20Enhanced%20Premium%20Tax%20Credit%20Expiration.pdf>