

WHAT'S AT STAKE FOR HEALTH CARE

FIGHT
FOR OUR
HEALTH

IN CALIFORNIA'S 6TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Nine California Congressmembers cast the deciding votes on a federal 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. Rep. Kevin Kiley claimed to care about protecting Medicaid (Medi-Cal in California) even as he cast a vote for the bill which cut the program by nearly \$1 trillion (Kiley formerly represented Congressional District 3 prior to California's Proposition 50). At the end of last year, Kiley also allowed financial help to end for thousands of his own constituents who purchase health care on their own through Covered California. These families are now seeing their premiums double or even triple this year.

These unprecedented health care cuts will gut California's Medi-Cal program and spike costs for millions, making health care out of reach for people fighting cancer, seniors in nursing homes, children, veterans, people with disabilities, LGBTQ+ communities, people seeking reproductive care, and working families.

IN DISTRICT 6

257,758
Enrolled in Medi-Cal

> **34% of residents**



MEDI-CAL

Nearly 15 million Californians depend on Medi-Cal, which provides free or low-cost 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 the new 6th Congressional District, 257,758 people are enrolled in Medi-Cal, which is 34% of the people in the district.¹ That's over a quarter of a million people who are at risk of losing coverage due to H.R. 1's cuts and newly created barriers to care.

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-



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MEDI-CAL (continued)

term services and supports and pays for unaffordable Medicare out-of-pocket costs like premiums, co-pays, and co-insurance. In Congressional District 6 in 2025, there were over 36,000 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.²

In total in 2025, \$3.94 billion Medi-Cal dollars were being spent to cover kids, working adults, seniors, and disabled community members in Congressional District 6.³ 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 and increasing costs, 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 6, 33,249 people or around 4.3% of district residents receive their coverage through Covered California.⁴ This includes nearly 29,000 people who benefitted from federal subsidies that made care affordable but were not extended by Congress. As a result, premiums for these residents in CA-06 have more than doubled and in some cases tripled this year.⁵ Covered California estimates that as many as 600,000 Californians will go uninsured due to these federal policy changes alone.

IN DISTRICT 6



33,249

**Receive coverage through
Covered California**

Or Around

4.3%

of District Residents



¹ UC Berkeley Labor Center analysis of DHCS Medi-Cal enrollment data by zip code (April 2026) rolled up to district-level estimates using California Senate Office of Demographics zip code data reflecting district boundaries after the 2026 election; calculated as a percentage of population using "ACS Demographic and Housing Estimates" American Community Survey, ACS 5-Year Estimates Data Profiles, Table DP05

² UC Berkeley Labor Center analysis of statewide dual eligibles (DHCS, July 2024) distributed proportionally based on SPD enrollment by district (DHCS, July 2024)

³ DHCS, Medi-Cal Certified Eligible Data Tables by Legislative Districts and Aid Category - July 2024 Month of Enrollment (Updated January 2025). Authors' analysis of enrollment as a percentage of population using US Census Bureau, 2020 Census Demographic and Housing Characteristics File population by Zip Code Tabulation Area. Authors' analysis of state budget estimates with spending by district allocated based on each district's enrollment by aid category, and weighted by the statewide cost per enrollee for each aid category. Statewide 2024-25 Medi-Cal spending (January 2025) includes DHCS Medi-Cal budget Total Funds plus DSS In-Home Supportive Services General Funds.

⁴ UC Berkeley Labor Center analysis of Covered California, March 2026 Membership Profile, enrollment by zip code rolled up to district-level estimates using California Senate Office of Demographics zip code data reflecting district boundaries after the 2026 election; calculated as a percentage of population using "ACS Demographic and Housing Estimates" American Community Survey, ACS 5-Year Estimates Data Profiles, Table DP05

⁵ <https://hbex.coveredca.com/data-research/library/California%20Congressional%20District%20Data%20Enhanced%20Premium%20Tax%20Credit%20Expiration.pdf>