

CO Fact Sheet: House Republicans' Cuts to Medicaid & SNAP Put Coloradans At Risk of Losing Access to Health Care and Food

What's Happening: Gabe Evans and House Republicans' budget proposal would take health care coverage and food assistance away from millions of working parents, kids, seniors, and people with disabilities by targeting two of Colorado's most critical federally-funded programs - Medicaid and SNAP.

How will House Republicans' cuts to these programs impact Coloradans?

MEDICAID PROVIDES HEALTH COVERAGE TO 1 MILLION COLORADANS

[73,000 Medicaid beneficiaries](#) are at risk of losing health care coverage in CO-08 alone.

Who relies on Medicaid for health coverage in Colorado?

- 34% of [all children](#)
- 36% of [moms who just gave birth and their newborn babies](#)
- 39% of [working-age adults with disabilities](#)
- 62% of [people living in nursing homes](#)
- 12% of [Medicare beneficiaries](#)
- 15% of [adults aged 19-64](#)

Coloradans who manage to keep their Medicaid could still lose health [benefits](#) such as:

- **Home- and community-based services (HCBS)** that allow the elderly and people with disabilities to receive services in their own homes or communities rather than institutional settings. In Colorado, nearly 3,400 people are [on a waiting list](#) for Medicaid HCBS.
- **Dental services**
- **Hospice services**
- **Physical therapy**

CUTTING FEDERAL MEDICAID FUNDING WOULD DIRECTLY RAISE COSTS IN CO

How could health care costs for Coloradans in CO-08 go up as a result of these cuts?

- Under the Republican budget plan, the 24,000 people who receive coverage under the Affordable Care Act in Rep. Gabe Evans's district would see their average premium go up by [\\$210 per year](#) — a 9% increase.

SNAP PROVIDES FOOD SECURITY FOR 219,000 COLORADO HOUSEHOLDS

More than [29,000 households](#) are at risk of losing SNAP benefits in CO-08 alone.

How many children, seniors, and people with disabilities rely on SNAP for food and nutrition assistance in Colorado's 8th?

- 56% of CO-08 households participating in SNAP have a child
- 37% of CO-08 households participating in SNAP have an elderly person
- 52% of CO-08 households participating in SNAP have a person with a disability