

Derrick Van Orden Overview Backup

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Van Orden Dismissed Concerns About Affordability And Said Prices Were Coming Down Even As Wisconsin Families Paid Over \$3,300 More For Goods And Services

HEADLINE: “Van Orden Trashes Affordability Concerns.” [UpNorth News, [7/16/26](#)]

- **Van Orden, July 2026: “The Democrats Invented This Term ‘Affordability.’”** VAN ORDEN: “The Democrats invented this term 'affordability,' I just call it living. And we're getting back to a place where Americans are not going to have to be concerned about wringing their hands about filling up a grocery cart.” [Fox Business, Evening Edit, 01:30, [7/15/26](#)] (VIDEO)

Van Orden, November 2025: “Inflation Is Going Down Remarkably.” VAN ORDEN: “Inflation is going down remarkably, and prices follow inflation. So that’s in the process.” [WIBA, Vicki McKenna Show, 01:17:56, [11/19/25](#)] (AUDIO)

- **July 2026: Van Orden Said Prices For “Pork, Poultry, Vegetables, Fresh Seafood, All Coming Down.”** VAN ORDEN: “It's finally good to have a Fed chair that has not politicized and weaponized that office because they didn't like Donald Trump. This should have happened a long time ago. Making sure that everything is stable with these interest rates, as you said, we have the largest CPI drop in, since 2020, which is fantastic. Pork, poultry, vegetables, fresh seafood, all coming down. WTI oil, it's at about \$80 a barrel. Right now, brent crude is about \$85 a barrel, and with that, all the energy costs are going to start declining.” [Fox Business, Evening Edit, 01:00, [7/15/26](#)] (VIDEO)

Joint Economic Committee Minority: “The Average Household In Wisconsin Had Had To Spend \$3,300+ More On Goods And Services” Since January 2025. “As of June 2026, the average household in Wisconsin has had to spend \$3,300+ more on goods and services under President Trump. Despite President Trump’s repeated pledges on the campaign trail that his administration would ‘end inflation’ and bring down costs for families, Trump and Republicans in Congress have instead caused costs to continue to rise significantly, including through Trump’s reckless tariffs and war in Iran.” [Joint Economic Committee Minority, Wisconsin Fact Sheet, [7/22/26](#)]

- **Wisconsin Families Paid \$310 More For Groceries In 2025.** “Americans paid \$310 more for groceries in President Trump’s first year than in 2024, and grocery prices are now more than 4 percent higher than when Trump took office.” [Joint Economic Committee Minority, Wisconsin Fact Sheet, [7/22/26](#)]
- **Wisconsin Families “Have Had To Spent \$794 More On Housing Costs Such As Rent And Mortgage Payment” Since January 2025.** “Wisconsin families have had to spend \$794 more on housing costs such as rent and mortgage payments since President Trump took office.” [Joint Economic Committee Minority, Wisconsin Fact Sheet, [7/22/26](#)]
- **Wisconsin Families “Paid \$120 More For Electricity In 2025.”** “Families in Wisconsin paid \$120 more for electricity in 2025 under President Trump than they did in 2024. And, in just the first six

months of 2026, they are expected to spend an estimated \$90 more for electricity than they did in the first half of 2024.” [Joint Economic Committee Minority, Wisconsin Fact Sheet, [7/22/26](#)]

Van Orden Repeatedly Sided With His Donors

Van Orden Voted With His Party Over 95 Percent Of The Time While Receiving Over \$600,000 From Speaker Johnson’s Fundraising Committees

HEADLINE: “Van Orden The Congressman Isn’t As Independent As Van Orden The Candidate Promised.” [UpNorth News, [5/15/26](#)]

2023-2025: Van Orden’s Party Support Score Had Increased From 88.45 Percent To 97.12 Percent During His Tenure In Office. “The Washington publication CQ has calculated the voting records of members of Congress, including a ‘unity score’ to show how often they vote with their party leadership or with the other party. During his first term, Van Orden’s voting record was 88.45% in line with Republican Speaker Mike McCarthy and his successor and current Speaker Mike Johnson. But by 2024, Van Orden’s score had risen to 93.6% in line with Johnson. In 2025, Van Orden voted in lockstep with Speaker Johnson 97.12% of the time, higher than Kind’s 95% score that he criticized as a candidate, while promising to be more independent.” [UpNorth News, [5/15/26](#)]

- **UpNorth News: Van Orden Increased His Party Support Score As Speaker Johnson “Steered More Than \$600,000 To Van Orden’s Campaign.”** “Similar to the Republicans in the Wisconsin Legislature, Van Orden’s loyalty has risen in tandem with the campaign contributions received from party leadership, despite all of the lawmakers representing ‘swing districts’ where the electorate is closely divided and more welcoming to independents. Speaker Johnson has steered more than \$600,000 to Van Orden’s campaign war chest through various political and campaign accounts, with most of it coming from Johnson’s ‘Grow the Majority’ committee as well as smaller amounts from Johnson’s ‘American Revival PAC’ and ‘Mike Johnson for Louisiana.’” [UpNorth News, [5/15/26](#)]

Van Orden Opposed Lowering Prescription Drug Costs While Taking Thousands From Big Pharma

WPR: Van Orden Opposed The Inflation Reduction Act. “But the bill isn’t universally supported. Every Republican in Wisconsin’s Congressional delegation voted against the Inflation Reduction Act. And while Derrick Van Orden wasn’t a member of Congress at the time, he tweeted his opposition to the bill.” [Wisconsin Public Radio, [8/17/23](#)]

- **KFF: The Inflation Reduction Act Would Cap The Cost Of Insulin To \$35 A Month For People On Medicare.** “The Inflation Reduction Act of 2022, signed into law by President Biden on August 16, 2022, includes several provisions to lower prescription drug costs for people with Medicare and reduce drug spending by the federal government [...] Limit monthly cost sharing for insulin to \$35 for people with Medicare, beginning in 2023.” [KFF, [1/24/23](#)]
- **NBC: The Inflation Reduction Act Allowed Medicare To Negotiate The Cost Of Prescription Drugs Starting In 2026.** “The Inflation Reduction Act allows the federal government to negotiate prices for some of the drugs that Medicare spends the most money on, a long sought-after goal by Democrats and some Republicans. Previously, the U.S. government was explicitly prohibited from engaging in price negotiations with drugmakers on behalf of the Medicare population. The new law essentially establishes a process whereby the Health and Human Services secretary proposes the

government's offer price for certain drugs, said Tricia Neuman, senior vice president with the Kaiser Family Foundation. Starting in 2026, Medicare will begin negotiating the price of 10 drugs, followed by an additional 15 drugs in 2027, and eventually an additional 20 drugs in 2029 and beyond. The negotiation process applies to drugs covered under Medicare Part D that lack a generic or comparable alternative, though drugs under Medicare Part B will eventually be included." [NBC News, [8/16/22](#)]

OpenSecrets: Van Orden Received \$71,037 From The "Pharmaceuticals/Health Products" Industry. [OpenSecrets, accessed [7/24/26](#)]

Money from Pharmaceuticals / Health Products to US Representatives, 1990-2024 [Export to CSV](#)

IMPORTANT: This money comes from employees or PACs affiliated with the industry, not from the companies themselves.

Van Orden

Representative	State	Amount
Van Orden, Derrick (R-WI)	Wisconsin	\$71,037

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Derrick Van Orden Message #1 Backup

NBC News reported that Van Orden screamed at teenage workers in the US Capitol, getting physically aggressive with them, calling them "jackasses" and "pieces of shit," and telling them "I don't give a fuck who you are, I'm a Congressman."

NBC News Reported That Van Orden Screamed At Teenage Workers In The US Capitol...

HEADLINE: "GOP Lawmaker 'Screamed' Curse Words Inches From Senate Pages' Faces And 'Shooed' Them, Source Says." [NBC News, [7/30/23](#)]

July 2023: Van Orden Allegedly "Yelled At A Group Of High-School-Age Senate Pages" In The US Capitol. "A freshman Republican lawmaker received bipartisan condemnation after he allegedly yelled at a group of high- school-age Senate pages for 'defiling' the Capitol on Wednesday. New details shared with NBC News paint an even more disturbing picture of what took place that night. Rep. Derrick Van Orden, R-Wis., told the teenagers to 'get the f--- out' of the rotunda, according to one source who witnessed the interaction and spoke on condition of anonymity. The source described Van Orden's demeanor as 'physically aggressive' toward the pages." [NBC News, [7/30/23](#)]

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NBC News: Van Orden "Called The Pages 'Jackasses' And 'Pieces Of S---'" "Van Orden approached the group. He had been hosting a beer and cheese event with constituents as he often does, a spokesperson said, and a photo posted to Twitter by a reporter for Punchbowl News showed empty alcohol bottles and trash in his office. The pages were lying on the rotunda floor and taking photos of the exquisite dome 470 feet above them, a Senate page tradition, according to former pages, when Van Orden, who was leading a large tour group, approached them. He called the pages 'jackasses' and 'pieces of s---,' according to a transcript written issued by a page minutes after the incident and first reported by The Hill." [NBC News, [7/30/23](#)]

...And Telling Them "I Don't Give A Fuck Who You Are, I'm A Congressman"

NBC News: Van Orden Reportedly Told The Pages "I Don't Give A F---Who You Are. I'm A Congressman." "The source told NBC News that Van Orden, 53, also said, 'I don't give a f---who you are. I'm a congressman. My name is Derrick Van Orden, and I represent the 3rd District of Wisconsin,' and he called the group 'pieces of s---' multiple times." [NBC News, [7/30/23](#)]

Derrick Van Orden Message #2 Backup

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Van Orden Repeatedly Talked Down To His Constituents And Celebrated Voting To Take Away Their Benefits

July 2025: Van Orden Tweeted "YES" In Response To A Post About The Big Beautiful Bill Costing Millions Of Americans Their Access To Health Care And School Meals

HEADLINE: "'YES!': Republican Celebrates Americans Losing Health Care In Deleted Post." [Rolling Stone, [7/3/25](#)]

New Republic: Van Orden Responded "YES" To A Post Saying Millions Would Lose Access To Health Care And School Meals Because Of The Big Beautiful Bill. "Wisconsin Representative Derrick 'Little Bitch' Van Orden stooped to a new low Thursday after passing Donald Trump's behemoth budget bill. While other Republicans have tried to obfuscate the fact that Trump's 'big, beautiful bill' will serve to enrich the wealthiest and shred the social safety net, apparently Van Orden is not one of them. In fact, he's more than happy about it. Van Orden reshared a post on X hitting back at White House press secretary Karoline Leavitt declaring 'VICTORY!' '17 million people just lost health care. 18 million kids just lost school meals. 3 million Americans just lost food assistance. And \$3.5 trillion was added to the deficit. All for a tax cut for Trump's billionaire donors,' read the post, from an account called Logical Luminary. 'YES!' Van Orden wrote, excited about the laundry list of benefits he'd just voted to strip away from his own constituents in Wisconsin." [New Republic, [7/3/25](#)]

- **New Republic: Van Orden’s Tweet Celebrating The Big Beautiful Bill’s Passage Indicated He Was “More Than Happy” About It Shredding The Social Safety Net While Benefiting The Wealthy.** “Wisconsin Representative Derrick ‘Little Bitch’ Van Orden stooped to a new low Thursday after passing Donald Trump’s behemoth budget bill. While other Republicans have tried to obfuscate the fact that Trump’s ‘big, beautiful bill’ will serve to enrich the wealthiest and shred the social safety net, apparently Van Orden is not one of them. In fact, he’s more than happy about it. Van Orden reshared a post on X hitting back at White House press secretary Karoline Leavitt declaring ‘VICTORY!’ ‘17 million people just lost health care. 18 million kids just lost school meals. 3 million Americans just lost food assistance. And \$3.5 trillion was added to the deficit. All for a tax cut for Trump’s billionaire donors,’ read the post, from an account called Logical Luminary. ‘YES!’ Van Orden wrote, excited about the laundry list of benefits he’d just voted to strip away from his own constituents in Wisconsin.” [New Republic, [7/3/25](#)]

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September 2025: Van Orden Told One Of His Constituents That He Was “Not A Research Assistant Buddy. I’m Your Congressman.” “When the constituent said he hasn’t seen the organization say anything disparaging about the Kirk assassination, Van Orden condescendingly told the caller to ‘open his aperture’ and that ‘not all speech is protected.’ Van Orden went on to tell the caller to Google his own examples of Mayo Clinic inciting violence, and that he is ‘not a research assistant buddy. I’m your congressman.’ ‘So saying that we’re threatening federal funding that I am and I am saying we’re going to remove federal funding from anybody who hires these people who celebrate the assassination of American citizens, because it’s actually against the law. By saying that I’m going to hurt them in the short term, it’s going to help us in the long term,’ Van Orden continued.” [Heartland Signal, [9/22/25](#)]

- **Van Orden’s Response Came After He Got Defensive When Asked Why He Wanted To Cut Funding To The Mayo Clinic.** “During the show, a caller asked Van Orden about his X posts calling for the removal of ‘every single penny of federal funding from the Mayo Clinic.’ Van Orden made the posts in response to a human resources worker from Mayo Clinic making critical statements after Charlie Kirk’s death. [...] When asked if this funding should be removed because somebody at Mayo Clinic said something that he didn’t agree with, Van Orden got defensive and doubled down on his pledge to remove all federal funding from the Mayo Clinic and falsely claimed that the organization is ‘inciting violence.’ [...] When the constituent said he hasn’t seen the organization say anything disparaging about the Kirk assassination, Van Orden condescendingly told the caller to ‘open his aperture’ and that ‘not all speech is protected.’ Van Orden went on to tell the caller to Google his own examples of Mayo Clinic inciting violence, and that he is ‘not a research assistant buddy. I’m your congressman.’” [Heartland Signal, [9/22/25](#)]

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about. Give me your email, I'll forward it to you, read it, because what you're saying is wrong. And I, you spent a lot of time at war, did you? AUDIENCE MEMBER: "I spent ten years on the Hil." VAN ORDEN: "Okay. Well, I spent 20 fricking years in combat, so I read the law. They are wrong. President Trump is acting 100% within his constitutional authority and the legislative authority given to him by Congress. And you, sir, are wrong, and I don't give a shit if you vote for me or not, you are wrong. Is that clear?" AUDIENCE MEMBER: "Yes." VAN ORDEN: "All right. I've got to go." [Republican Parties of Buffalo, Pierce, Pepin, and Trempealeau Counties Lincoln Dinner, Osseo WI, [2/28/26](#)] (VIDEO)

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Van Orden Increased His Party Support Score While Receiving Over \$600,000 From Speaker Mike Johnson

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Van Orden Voted To Gut Medicare And Medicaid

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March 2026: Van Orden Voted For A Balanced Budget Amendment Which Threatened Social Security With Deep Cuts

March 2026: Van Orden Voted For A Balanced Budget Amendment. On March 18, 2026, Representative Derrick Van Orden voted for: "Biggs, R-Ariz., motion to suspend the rules and pass the joint resolution that would propose an amendment to the U.S. Constitution that would require the federal government's expenditures for a given year not exceed the average annual receipts collected by the government in three prior years. Under the proposal, a two-thirds roll call vote of each chamber would be required to approve an increase in spending in excess of that limit. A simple majority would be sufficient to approve an increase in spending in any year there is a declared war. For legislation to raise or impose new taxes it would require a two-thirds vote of the whole number of the House and Senate." The resolution passed by a vote of 211-207. [H.J.Res.139, [Vote #95](#), 3/18/26; CQ, [3/18/26](#)]

- **Center for American Progress: The Balanced-Budget Amendment Threatens Americans' Health Care, Social Security, and Jobs** [Center for American Progress, [4/11/18](#)]

- **AARP Opposed The Balanced Budget Amendment Because It Would “Likely Harm Social Security And Medicare, Subjecting Both Programs To Potentially Deep Cuts.”** “AARP is writing to express our opposition to a balanced budget amendment to the Constitution of the United States. [...] A balanced budget amendment would likely harm Social Security and Medicare, subjecting both programs to potentially deep cuts without regard to the impact on the health and financial security of individuals. It would also likely diminish the resources available for programs assisting Americans who are least able to provide for themselves – services such as meals or heating for those who are too poor or physically unable to take care of their basic needs without some support.” [AARP, Letter, [4/9/18](#)]
- **A Balanced Budget Amendment Would Override All Government Guarantees And Promises Written Into Law – Including Social Security, Medicare, Veterans Benefits, And Military Pensions.** “In general, a balanced budget requirement in the U.S. Constitution would override any and all government guarantees and promises written into law: the guarantee to pay interest on the debt; or to pay insurance and guarantee claims for bank deposits, floods, loan defaults, and nuclear accidents; or to pay program benefits for Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid, unemployment benefits, veterans’ benefits, or military and civil service pensions; or to pay contractors who have delivered goods or services to the federal government.” [CBPP, [3/16/18](#)]
- **Under A Balanced Budget Amendment, It Would Be Unconstitutional For Social Security To Use Its Savings – What Workers Already Paid In To – To Pay Promised Benefits; Benefits Could Have To Be Cut.** “Currently, Social Security holds \$2.9 trillion in Treasury securities. But under the balanced budget amendment, it would essentially be unconstitutional for Social Security to draw down these savings to pay promised benefits. Instead, benefits could have to be cut, because all federal expenditures would have to be covered by tax revenues collected during that same year.” [CBPP, [3/16/18](#)]

Derrick Van Orden Message #3 Backup

Van Orden voted for the largest Medicaid cuts in history and voted to strip healthcare from over 26,000 Wisconsinites in the Third Congressional District and force rural hospitals to cut services and close.

Van Orden Voted For The Largest Medicaid Cuts In History...

May 22, 2025: Van Orden Voted For Initial Passage Of The Big Beautiful Bill. On May 22, 2025, Representative Derrick Van Orden voted for: “Passage of the bill that would provide for approximately \$3.8 trillion in net tax cuts and \$321 billion in military, border enforcement and judiciary spending, offset by \$1.5 trillion in spending reductions, as instructed in the fiscal 2025 budget resolution (H Con Res 14). It would raise the statutory debt limit by \$4 trillion and provide for increased spending on defense and border security, spending cuts on social safety net programs, such as Medicaid and the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program. It also includes a mix of tax breaks for businesses and individuals; tax increases on universities and foundations; and a phase-down of clean energy tax credits. It would reduce spending on Medicaid by \$625 billion over a 10-year period and modify eligibility and cost provisions for enrollees and health providers and impose work, volunteer and education requirements on adults ages 19 to 64 who are covered by the program. It would appropriate “such sums as necessary” for reducing cost-sharing payments for low-income individuals who’ve purchased “silver” plans on the 2010 health care law’s exchanges. But payments to plans that cover abortions would be mostly barred. It would extend and make permanent individual tax brackets and rates included in the 2017 tax overhaul law (PL 115-97) and provide for the adjustment of the lower bounds of each tier based on inflation. It would reduce federal

spending on the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program by requiring states to shoulder more of the cost, expand work requirements for SNAP, extend programs authorized under the 2018 farm bill, and prohibit the U.S. Department of Agriculture from increasing the cost of the Thrifty Food Program. As amended, it would cap state and local tax deductions at \$40,000 for households with incomes below \$500,000 and prohibit Medicaid funding for gender transition therapies or procedures for minors and adults, among other provisions.” The bill passed by a vote of 215-214. [H.R. 1, [Vote #145](#), 5/22/25; CQ, [5/22/25](#)]

July 3, 2025: Van Orden Voted For The Final Passage Of The Big Beautiful Bill. On July 3, 2025, Representative Derrick Van Orden voted for: “Motion to concur in the Senate amendment to the bill that would permanently extend nearly \$4 trillion in expiring individual and business tax cuts, create several new tax breaks and fund border and immigration enforcement and air traffic control upgrades. It would cut Medicaid and other safety net programs to partly offset the cost. Among other provisions, it would raise the statutory debt ceiling by \$5 trillion and appropriate more than \$448 billion in mandatory funding for Trump administration priorities and other needs, including \$153 billion for defense, \$89 billion for immigration enforcement, and \$89.5 billion for border control and security. It also would increase the state and local tax deduction cap to \$40,000 annually for five years for households making up to \$500,000 a year until 2030, when it would permanently revert to \$10,000.” Motion agreed to 218-214. [H.R.1, [Vote #190](#), 7/3/25; CQ, [7/3/25](#)]

Van Orden On The Big Beautiful Bill, July 2025: “It Is An Awesome Bill [...] It’s Amazing [...] It’s Remarkably Awesome For Wisconsin.” VAN ORDEN: “So we’ve got the best bill we could here in the House through, and that’s real politic, I mean that’s reality. And is it perfect? No. Is it awesome? Yeah. Yes, it is an awesome bill. We are delivering on the mandate given to President Donald J. Trump by 77 million Americans, including 1.7 million Wisconsinites. This is what we voted for, and it’s amazing. And more to follow, I want to do a call with you maybe tomorrow or the next day after we do final passage today to explain in detail exactly how good this is for the state of Wisconsin. It’s remarkably awesome for Wisconsin.” [WSAU, Meg Ellefson Show, 03:59, [7/3/25](#)] (AUDIO)

- **KFF: The Big Beautiful Bill Cut Medicaid By Nearly \$1 Trillion.** “On July 4, President Trump signed into law a budget reconciliation package once called the ‘One Big, Beautiful Bill’ that made major reductions in federal health care spending to offset part of the costs of extending expiring tax cuts. The Congressional Budget Office’s (CBO) latest cost estimate shows that the reconciliation package would reduce federal Medicaid spending over a decade by an estimated \$911 billion (after accounting for interactions that produce overlapping reductions across different provisions of the law) and increase the number of uninsured people by 10 million.” [KFF, [7/23/25](#)]
- **The Hill: The Big Beautiful Bill’s Medicaid Cuts Were The Largest In History.** “Senate Republicans on Tuesday passed the largest cuts to Medicaid since the program began in the 1960s, a move that would erode the social safety net and cause a spike in the number of uninsured Americans over the next decade. The tax and spending bill is projected to cost more than \$3 trillion during that time, but it would be partially paid for with about \$1 trillion in cuts to Medicaid. Almost 12 million lower-income Americans would lose their health insurance by 2034, according to the Congressional Budget Office (CBO).” [The Hill, [7/1/25](#)]

...And Voted To Strip Healthcare From Over 26,000 Wisconsinites In The Third Congressional District...

Joint Economic Committee Minority: 26,413 Wisconsiners In The Third Congressional District Would Lose Their Access To Care Because Of The Big Beautiful Bill. [Joint Economic Committee Minority, Page 14, [September 2025](#)]

- **18,513 Wisconsiners In The Third Congressional District Were Projected To Lose Their Medicaid Coverage Because Of The Big Beautiful Bill.** [Joint Economic Committee Minority, Page 14, [September 2025](#)]

Congressional District	State	Est. # of People Losing Affordable Care Act Coverage	Est. # of People Losing Medicaid Coverage	Est. Total # of People Losing Insurance
WA-03	Washington	6,100	24,321	30,421
WA-04	Washington	5,100	36,447	41,547
WA-05	Washington	7,100	26,640	33,740
WA-06	Washington	6,100	21,713	27,813
WA-07	Washington	8,300	13,970	22,270
WA-08	Washington	6,100	16,576	22,676
WA-09	Washington	7,100	23,780	30,880
WA-10	Washington	5,100	21,160	26,260
WV-01	West Virginia	11,100	32,238	43,338
WV-02	West Virginia	10,700	28,019	38,719
WI-01	Wisconsin	7,200	19,127	26,327
WI-02	Wisconsin	7,200	13,560	20,760
WI-03	Wisconsin	7,900	18,513	26,413
WI-04	Wisconsin	7,700	32,845	40,545
WI-05	Wisconsin	7,500	11,502	19,002
WI-06	Wisconsin	7,900	16,002	23,902
WI-07	Wisconsin	9,900	20,073	29,973
WI-08	Wisconsin	8,900	16,246	25,146
WY-At Large	Wyoming	10,900	1,265	12,165

...And Force Rural Hospitals To Cut Services And Close

CNN: “Hospitals Are Making Cuts After ‘Big Beautiful Bill,’ Fueling Democrats’ Midterm Attacks.” [CNN, [3/2/26](#)]

The Guardian: “More Than 300 Rural Hospitals Are At Risk Of Closure Or Cutting Services” Because Of The Big Beautiful Bill’s Medicaid Cuts. “Healthcare providers across the country have closed clinics and hospital wards in the four months since Donald Trump signed into law the One Big Beautiful Bill Act, the landmark tax-and-spending legislation that will lead an estimated 10 million people to lose their health insurance. The law is expected to slash federal funding by hundreds of billions of dollars over the coming years, as part of Trump’s campaign pledge to shrink government spending. But it will do so in part by paring back eligibility for Medicaid, the US government’s health insurance program for low-income people; raising the cost of healthcare under the Affordable Care Act; and defunding some family planning providers who offer abortions.” [The Guardian, [11/20/25](#)]

- **A Community Hospital In Nebraska “Closed The Only Health Clinic In A Small Town Called Curtis Due To Financial Difficulties And ‘Anticipated Federal Budget Cuts To Medicaid.’”** “Community hospital, in Nebraska, is closing the only health clinic in a small town called Curtis due to financial difficulties and ‘anticipated federal budget cuts to Medicaid’.” [The Guardian, [11/20/25](#)]

- **October 2025: “Two Healthcare Centers In Rural New Hampshire Closed In October, In Part Due To The Changes In Medicaid.”** “Two healthcare centers in rural New Hampshire closed in October, in part due to the changes in Medicaid and federal funding. ‘We’re really left with no choice,’ the CEO of one of the centers told the Associated Press. The AP reported that the center, a branch of the Ammonoosuc Community Health Services located in a small town named Franconia, served ‘tiny communities around the White Mountains, whose patients typically are older and sicker than in other parts of the state’.” [The Guardian, [11/20/25](#)]
- **CNN: MercyOne Closed A Clinic In Ottumwa, Iowa In Part Because Of The Big Beautiful Bill’s Medicaid Cuts.** “The GOP package also contributed to MercyOne, which has 21 medical centers and multiple clinics across urban and rural Iowa, deciding to close its clinic in Ottumwa and lay off dozens of staffers. MercyOne is part of Trinity Health, which said in a statement to CNN that ‘the recent and future government funding policy changes’ are expected to reduce its annual revenue by \$1.5 billion.” [CNN, [3/2/26](#)]
- **October 2025: A Rural Hospital In Lavonia, Georgia Closed “Its Obstetric Ward As A Result Of The One Big Beautiful Bill Act.”** “In October, St Mary’s Sacred Heart hospital in rural Lavonia, Georgia, became one of the first hospitals to close its obstetric ward as a result of the One Big Beautiful Bill Act. Mary’s Sacred Heart hospital has long struggled with a physician shortage and what a spokesperson called ‘changing demographics’, but ‘the Medicaid cuts solidified our decision’, the spokesperson said in an email. Patients were directed to seek care in a town nearly an hour away.” [The Guardian, [11/20/25](#)]

In Wisconsin’s 3rd Congressional District, Rural Hospitals Were Projected To Lose \$42 Million In Funding And One Was At Risk Of Closure Because Of The Big Beautiful Bill

Wisconsin Independent: Hospitals In The Third Congressional District Were Projected To Lose \$42 Million In Medicaid Revenue Because Of The Big Beautiful Bill. “Hospitals in Van Orden’s congressional district are projected to lose more than \$42 million in annual revenue under the budget law, according to data compiled last summer by Third Way, a centrist Democratic think tank and advocacy group. After Trump signed the bill into law in July 2025, Third Way published its analysis that found U.S. hospitals would lose \$24 billion in annual revenue due to the budget law’s cuts to Medicaid. The group published hospital-specific projections using data from the National Academy for State Health Policy’s Hospital Cost Tool and state-specific Medicaid cuts data from KFF, a health policy nonprofit.” [Wisconsin Independent, [5/4/26](#)]

The Mayo Clinic Health System Oakridge In Osseo, Wisconsin Was “At-Risk” Of Closure Because Of The Big Beautiful Bill. “Democrats warn that cuts to Medicaid in the massive tax and spending law that President Donald Trump signed on Independence Day will result in rural hospitals closing or reducing services. Using research from the University of North Carolina, a group of Democratic senators say 338 hospitals are at risk, including three in Wisconsin, which have been losing money for three years. [...] The Kaiser Family Foundation estimates the law will cause a loss of \$1.7 billion over 10 years for Wisconsin’s rural hospitals. The three listed as at-risk in Wisconsin are Holy Family Memorial in Manitowoc, Mayo Clinic Health System Oakridge in Osseo, and Aspirus Stanley Hospital in Stanley. We asked all three for comment on the report, but only Aspirus Stanley responded, with a spokesperson telling us he’s confident the hospital will continue to serve the community and that they do not expect any disruptions to its facilities or services.” [Spectrum News 1, [7/29/25](#)]

- **Osseo, Wisconsin, Where The Mayo Clinic Health System Oakridge Was Located, Was In Van Orden's District.** [Mayo Clinic Health System, Locations, Osseo, accessed [8/28/25](#); US House of Representatives, Find Your Representative, accessed [8/28/25](#)]

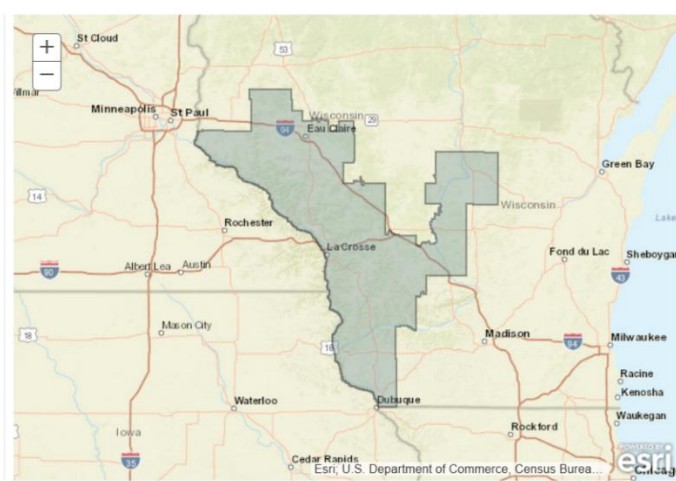
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Derrick Van Orden Message #4 Backup

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May 22, 2025: Van Orden Voted For Initial Passage Of The Big Beautiful Bill. On May 22, 2025, Representative Derrick Van Orden voted for: "Passage of the bill that would provide for approximately \$3.8 trillion in net tax cuts and \$321 billion in military, border enforcement and judiciary spending, offset by \$1.5 trillion in spending reductions, as instructed in the fiscal 2025 budget resolution (H Con Res 14). It would raise the statutory debt limit by \$4 trillion and provide for increased spending on defense and border security, spending cuts on social safety net programs, such as Medicaid and the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program. It also includes a mix of tax breaks for businesses and individuals; tax increases on universities and foundations; and a phase-down of clean energy tax credits. It would reduce spending on Medicaid by \$625 billion over a 10-year period and modify eligibility and cost provisions for enrollees and health providers and impose work, volunteer and education requirements on adults ages 19 to 64 who are covered by the program. It would appropriate "such sums as necessary" for reducing cost-sharing payments for low-income individuals who've purchased "silver" plans on the 2010 health care law's exchanges. But payments to plans that cover abortions would be mostly barred. It would extend and make permanent individual tax brackets and rates included in the 2017 tax overhaul law (PL 115-97) and provide for the adjustment of the lower bounds of each tier based on inflation. It would reduce federal spending on the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program by requiring states to shoulder more of the cost, expand work requirements for SNAP, extend programs authorized under the 2018 farm bill, and prohibit the U.S. Department of Agriculture from increasing the cost of the Thrifty Food Program. As amended, it would cap state and local tax deductions at \$40,000 for households with incomes below \$500,000 and prohibit Medicaid funding for gender transition therapies or procedures for minors and adults, among other provisions." The bill passed by a vote of 215-214. [H.R. 1, [Vote #145](#), 5/22/25; CQ, [5/22/25](#)]

July 3, 2025: Van Orden Voted For The Final Passage Of The Big Beautiful Bill. On July 3, 2025, Representative Derrick Van Orden voted for: “Motion to concur in the Senate amendment to the bill that would permanently extend nearly \$4 trillion in expiring individual and business tax cuts, create several new tax breaks and fund border and immigration enforcement and air traffic control upgrades. It would cut Medicaid and other safety net programs to partly offset the cost. Among other provisions, it would raise the statutory debt ceiling by \$5 trillion and appropriate more than \$448 billion in mandatory funding for Trump administration priorities and other needs, including \$153 billion for defense, \$89 billion for immigration enforcement, and \$89.5 billion for border control and security. It also would increase the state and local tax deduction cap to \$40,000 annually for five years for households making up to \$500,000 a year until 2030, when it would permanently revert to \$10,000.” Motion agreed to 218-214. [H.R.1, [Vote #190](#), 7/3/25; CQ, [7/3/25](#)]

- **HEADLINE: “Trump And GOP’s Tax Bill Would Force Cuts To Medicare, CBO Says.”** [Washington Post, [5/21/25](#)]
- **CBO: The Big Beautiful Bill “Could Force Nearly \$500 Billion In Cuts To Medicare.”** “President Donald Trump and congressional Republicans’ mammoth tax and immigration bill would add so much to the national debt that it could force nearly \$500 billion in cuts to Medicare beginning in 2026, Congress’s nonpartisan bookkeeper reported late Tuesday. Trump and the GOP’s budget reconciliation package — officially titled the One Big Beautiful Bill Act — would add \$2.3 trillion to the deficit over 10 years, the Congressional Budget Office projected, forcing budget officials to mandate across-the-board spending cuts over that window that would hit the federal health insurance program for seniors and people with disabilities.” [Washington Post, [5/21/25](#)]

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- **Washington Post: The Big Beautiful Bill’s Medicare Cuts Would Result In Higher Premiums And Have A “Chilling Effect On Older Americans And People With Disabilities.”** “Allowing cuts to Medicare would probably come with dire political consequences. Trump on the campaign trail swore off reducing Medicare benefits, and Republicans have pointedly excluded cost-cutting from the program as part of their tax and immigration package. Any cut in Medicare funding, economists say, would have a chilling effect on older Americans and people with disabilities at a time when a fast-aging population and rising health-care costs are already straining the system. Many hospitals, especially in rural areas, rely on Medicare for more than half of their funding, said McBride of Washington University. ‘If you start taking whacks at these programs, these rural hospitals won’t survive,’ he said. It’s unclear exactly how these cuts — if they happen — might affect Americans and

health-care providers, though economists say they would expect funding cuts for doctors, hospitals and insurance companies, and higher premiums for patients.” [Washington Post, [5/21/25](#)]

Center For American Progress: The Big Beautiful Bill’s “Deep Cuts” To Medicare Would Have “Devastating Impacts” For People With Disabilities. “On July 3, Congress passed the sweeping, regressive One Big Beautiful Bill Act (OBBBA). Amid the self-imposed rush to deliver the bill to President Donald Trump’s desk by July 4, many Americans will be looking for information about the bill, which was largely debated in the dead of night and pushed through at breakneck speed. This confusion has only been exacerbated by misleading and inaccurate statements about how and whether the bill’s cuts will affect people with disabilities. In this column, the Center for American Progress and The Arc address the rhetoric surrounding the bill and unpack the devastating impacts that its deep cuts to Medicaid and Medicare, in particular, will have on people with disabilities.” [Center for American Progress, [7/3/25](#)]

- **The Big Beautiful Bill Prohibited Implementation Of A Rule Which “Would Have Made It Easier For Very Low-Income Medicare Enrollees To Access Medicare Savings Program (MSP), Which Help Cover Premiums And Cost-Sharing For Their Medicare Benefits.”** “The OBBBA prohibits the implementation of two finalized rules until October 1, 2034. The rules would have made it easier for very low-income Medicare enrollees to access Medicare Savings Programs (MSPs), which help cover premiums and cost-sharing for their Medicare benefits. This will disproportionately affect disabled people, as they are more likely to have lower incomes than nondisabled people.” [Center for American Progress, [7/3/25](#)]
- **League Of Women Voters: The Program The Big Beautiful Bill Blocked Implementation Of “Helps People With Low Incomes Afford Medicare Premiums And Cost-Sharing.”** “For the next decade, the OBBB blocks the implementation of the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) Eligibility and Enrollment final rule, which was designed to streamline the process for people to enroll and stay enrolled in Medicaid and apply for the Medicare Savings Program. The Medicare Savings Program helps people with low incomes afford Medicare premiums and cost-sharing.” [League of Women Voters, [7/25/25](#)]

Derrick Van Orden Message #5 Backup

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- **KFF: The Inflation Reduction Act Would Cap The Cost Of Insulin To \$35 A Month For Seniors On Medicare.** “The Inflation Reduction Act of 2022, signed into law by President Biden on August 16, 2022, includes several provisions to lower prescription drug costs for people with Medicare and reduce drug spending by the federal government [...] Limit monthly cost sharing for insulin to \$35 for people with Medicare, beginning in 2023.” [KFF, [1/24/23](#)]

- **NBC: The Inflation Reduction Act Allowed Medicare To Negotiate The Cost Of Prescription Drugs Starting In 2026.** “The Inflation Reduction Act allows the federal government to negotiate prices for some of the drugs that Medicare spends the most money on, a long sought-after goal by Democrats and some Republicans. Previously, the U.S. government was explicitly prohibited from engaging in price negotiations with drugmakers on behalf of the Medicare population. The new law essentially establishes a process whereby the Health and Human Services secretary proposes the government’s offer price for certain drugs, said Tricia Neuman, senior vice president with the Kaiser Family Foundation. Starting in 2026, Medicare will begin negotiating the price of 10 drugs, followed by an additional 15 drugs in 2027, and eventually an additional 20 drugs in 2029 and beyond. The negotiation process applies to drugs covered under Medicare Part D that lack a generic or comparable alternative, though drugs under Medicare Part B will eventually be included.” [NBC News, [8/16/22](#)]

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- **Protect Our Care: 152,000 Wisconsinites Would Benefit From Lower Prescription Drug Prices Because Of The Inflation Reduction Act.** “152,000 Wisconsinites who take one or more of the first ten drugs selected by Medicare for negotiation will see lower prices starting in 2026. In 2026 alone, seniors will save \$1.5 billion out-of-pocket and taxpayers will save \$6 billion thanks to lower negotiated prices.” [Protect Our Care, [1/8/25](#)]
- **Protect Our Care: Wisconsin Seniors “Will Save \$1.5 Billion Out-Of-Pocket” Because Of The Inflation Reduction Act’s Provisions Allowing Medicare To Negotiate Lower Prescription Drug Costs.** “152,000 Wisconsinites who take one or more of the first ten drugs selected by Medicare for negotiation will see lower prices starting in 2026. In 2026 alone, seniors will save \$1.5 billion out-of-pocket and taxpayers will save \$6 billion thanks to lower negotiated prices.” [Protect Our Care, [1/8/25](#)]