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And Supported Bevin's Attacks On Seniors And Families.

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Alvarado Supported Bevin's Medicaid Waiver Proposal. "As the fate of Kentucky's proposed Medicaid waiver which would make changes to the program in an attempt to make it sustainable currently lies in the hands of the federal government, state Sen. Ralph Alvarado says he fears the expansion will be ended if the federal government does not approve Gov. Matt Bevin's proposal. Alvarado, a Winchester physician and state Senator, told The Bottom Line he believes the governor's Medicaid proposal is a step in the right direction in being able to keep the increased number of Kentuckians covered by the government program while also finding better ways to make it more affordable for the state." [The Bottom Line News, [10/10/16](#)]

- **Bevin Won Approval For A Section 1115 Medicaid Waiver Application That Resulted In The Creation Of Kentucky HEALTH.** “On Jan. 19, 2018, Governor Matt Bevin and the Kentucky Department for Medicaid Services announced that Kentucky won approval from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) for its Section 1115 Medicaid Waiver Application. The resulting program, Kentucky HEALTH (Helping to Engage and Achieve Long Term Health) is part of an overall initiative to ‘transform the Kentucky Medicaid program to empower individuals to improve their health and gain employer sponsored coverage or other commercial health insurance coverage, while simultaneously ensuring the program’s long-term fiscal sustainability.’ The program will apply to non-disabled adults and children who currently receive Medicaid, with the largest changes affecting the Medicaid expansion population. Implementation will begin in July.” [Kentucky Medical Association, [1/16/18](#)]
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Alvarado Said He Wanted To Help Carry Bevin’s Vision Forward Into A Second Term. “During Friday’s news conference, Alvarado said that he wants to help carry Bevin’s vision forward into a second term. ‘I’m looking forward to the campaign ahead to let people know the accomplishments we’ve done. And the things we want to get accomplished in the state of Kentucky,’ Alvarado said.” [WVXU, [1/27/19](#)]

Bevin Signed Legislation That Got Rid Of The Guaranteed Pension Plan For Teachers

Bevin's Bill Got Rid Of The Guaranteed Pension Plan For Teachers. “The Bevin-backed pension bill offered new teachers a 401(k)-style system rather than a guaranteed pension plan, a change that had been made to the pension system for the state’s police, firefighters, and thousands of other public servants several years earlier. It wouldn’t have impacted the pensions of current teachers. But as The Pension Gamble explored, Kentucky’s teachers worry that when the time comes for them to retire, the state won’t have the money to pay their pensions. (The pensions of some other Kentucky state workers are facing insolvency in around three years.)”

Bevin Signed A Bill That Would Cut Benefits For Teachers And Other Public Employees.

“Kentucky Attorney General Andy Beshear sued Governor Matt Bevin in an attempt to nullify a pension reform bill that stands to cut benefits for teachers and other public employees, a day after Bevin signed the bill into law. According to Beshear, Senate Bill 151 – which started out as an ‘11-page bill relating to sewer services’ – violates the state’s contract with its public employees, and is also unconstitutional because of the manner in which it was passed.” [Court House News, [4/12/18](#)]

The Same Year Alvarado Ran With Him, Bevin Granted 428 Pardons And Commutations For Criminals, Including A Child Rapist, Drawing Criticism Even From Other Republicans.

2019: Alvarado Ran Unsuccessfully As The Republican Nominee For Kentucky Lt. Governor After Being Selected By Then-Governor Matt Bevin As His Running Mate

January 2019: Alvarado Was Selected As Then-Kentucky Gov. Matt Bevin’s Running Mate For The 2019 Gubernatorial Election In Kentucky. “Kentucky Gov. Matt Bevin has announced that his running mate during his re-election campaign this year will be Ralph Alvarado, a state senator and physician from Winchester. The announcement came just four days before the deadline to run for office, January 29, and means that current Lt. Governor Jenean Hampton will not be on a ticket with Bevin again. In a news conference on Friday, Bevin called Hampton ‘a dear and personal friend’ but wouldn’t explain why he didn’t tap her to run with him again. Bevin said that choosing a new running mate had been a topic of conversation for at least a year. He said that Alvarado’s story ‘is the American dream’ and that the state senator would be a liaison to the medical community.” [WUXU, [1/27/19](#)]

2019: Bevin And Alvarado Lost The Gubernatorial Election To Beshear And Coleman. [Kentucky State Board of Elections, 2019 General Election Results, [2019](#)]

2019 Kentucky Governor / Lieutenant Governor Election Results			
Candidates: Governor / Lt. Governor	Party	Votes	Percent
Matthew G. BEVIN / Ralph A. ALVARADO	REP	704,388	48.83
Andy BESHEAR / Jacqueline COLEMAN	DEM	709,577	49.19
John HICKS / Ann CORMICAN	LIB	28425	1.97

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December 2019: Bevin Issued 428 Pardons Following His Loss To Andy Beshear. “Bevin issued 428 pardons since his defeat to Democrat Andy Beshear in a close election in November, the Louisville Courier Journal reported. His list includes a man convicted of reckless homicide, a convicted child rapist, a man who murdered his parents at age 16 and a woman who threw her newborn in the trash after giving birth in a flea market outhouse.” [Washington Post, [12/12/19](#)]

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December 2019: Washington Post Headline: “Defeated GOP Governor Pardoned Violent Criminals In A Spree Lawyers Are Calling An “Atrocity Of Justice.” [Washington Post, [12/12/19](#)]

NPR: “In All, The Former Governor Signed Off On 428 Pardons And Commutations Since His Loss To Democrat Andy Beshear.” “Former Kentucky Gov. Matt Bevin departed the governor's mansion three days ago, but the reverberations of some of his final actions are still being felt across the state. Bevin, a Republican who narrowly lost a bid for a second term last month, issued pardons to hundreds of people, including convicted rapists, murderers and drug offenders. In one case, Bevin pardoned a man convicted of homicide. That man's family raised more than \$20,000 at a political fundraiser to help Bevin pay off a debt owed from his 2015 gubernatorial campaign. In all, the former governor signed off on 428 pardons and commutations since his loss to Democrat Andy Beshear, according to The Courier-Journal. The paper notes, ‘The beneficiaries include one offender convicted of raping a child, another who hired a hit man to kill his business partner and a third who killed his parents.’” [NPR, [12/13/19](#)]

Kentucky Republicans Spoke Out Against Bevin’s Pardons

Kentucky Senate President, Republican Robert Stivers, Condemned Bevin’s Pardons And Called Them A “Perversion Of Justice.” “The pardons outraged local attorneys and prosecutors, who said they were not consulted during the process. As the backlash continued to build Friday, Republicans in the Kentucky state Senate issued a statement blasting Bevin. ‘From what we know of former governor Matt Bevin’s extreme pardons and commutations, the Senate Republicans condemn his actions as a travesty and perversion of justice,’ Senate President Robert Stivers (R) said. ‘Our citizens, and especially the crime victims and their families, deserve better.’” [Washington Post, [12/13/19](#)]

Mitch McConnell Called Bevin’s Last-Minute Pardons “Completely Inappropriate.” “Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-Ky.) criticized fellow Republican and former Kentucky Gov. Matt Bevin on Friday, saying a string of controversial pardons he made shortly before leaving office were ‘completely inappropriate.’ ‘Honestly, I don’t approve. It seems to me it was completely inappropriate,’ McConnell told reporters in Kentucky, according to WKYT, a local TV station.” [The Hill, [12/13/19](#)]

Ralph Alvarado Message #2 Backup

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Alvarado Criticized Gov. Beshear's Decision To Expand Medicaid Eligibility

2013: Gov. Steve Beshear Announced Kentucky Would Expand Medicaid Under The Affordable Care Act. "It's been a longtime, lingering question—will Gov. Steve Beshear expand Kentucky's Medicaid program under the Affordable Care Act (a.k.a. Obamacare)? On Thursday afternoon, Beshear answered: Yes, Kentucky will. The decision means that Kentucky will expand its Medicaid rolls to 138 percent of the federal poverty line with the federal government paying for it for three years. After 2017, the federal government's share of the cost drops to 90 percent and Kentucky picks up the rest. The move adds 308,000 to the Medicaid insurance program, according to a state news release. For months, Beshear has been considering the issue and calculating the costs to the state after 2017. States throughout the U.S. appear split on whether to accept the expansion. [...] Calling it 'the single-most important decision in our lifetime for improving the health of Kentuckians,' Gov. Steve Beshear today announced the inclusion of 308,000 more Kentuckians in the federal Medicaid health insurance program. The expansion, together with the creation of the Health Benefit Exchange, will ensure that every Kentuckian will have access to affordable health insurance." [Louisville Public Media, [5/9/13](#)]

2015: Alvarado Criticized Medicaid Expansion, Saying "Almost Every Senator Here Has Received Letters That Say: This Stinks, We Are Not Getting Paid, We Are Going Under." "The hospital is in the district of Sen. Max Wise, R-Campbellsville, who told fellow members of the Senate Health and Welfare Committee Feb. 26, 'I would love to take the governor's report to the six of my seven counties out in rural Kentucky that are struggling right now in their hospitals. . . . What I'm hearing from them is the system is broken and it continues to be broken.' [...] Wise was referring to Beshear's recent report that Medicaid expansion is generating more money, jobs and tax revenue than forecast. Another committee member, Sen. Ralph Alvarado, R-Winchester, said, 'Almost every senator here has received letters that say: This stinks, we are not getting paid, we are going under.'" [KY Health News, [2/28/15](#)]

2020: Alvarado Criticized Gov. Beshear's Decision To Expand Medicaid Eligibility, Saying It Greatly Expanded The State's Medicaid Costs Without Creating The Number Of Jobs In The Health Industry Beshear Promised. "Alvarado, a medical doctor who chairs the Senate Health and Welfare Committee and serves on the Medicaid Oversight and Advisory Committee, said there is no question the huge increase in Medicaid spending is a result of former Gov. Steve Beshear's decision to expand Medicaid eligibility to cover more people above the poverty line. By 2017, that contributed to a reduction in the number of the state's uninsured from 20 percent to 7.5 percent. However, according to Alvarado, even with the increased federal allocation, it greatly expanded the state's Medicaid costs without creating the number of jobs in the health industry Beshear promised." [Winchester Sun, [1/28/20](#)]

And Now Supports Massive Cuts To This Program That Will Result In 200,000 Kentuckians Losing Their Coverage And Could Close Rural Hospitals.

Alvarado Touted The One Big Beautiful That Made Historic Cuts To Medicaid, Would Take Away Health Coverage For 200,000 Kentuckians, And Close Rural Hospitals

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ALVARADO: “And so what the Big Beautiful Bill, it was kind of revamp all that it’s going to have uh-people that shouldn’t be on those rolls, taking them off. It provides all kinds of economic opportunity for people in this country as well. We know the reduction in taxes. So I think that the bill has done some tremendous things. But in terms of how we need to approach Medicaid for the future, uh, you’ve got to think of different ways. I’m probably the best-suited person in the race, clearly, from a healthcare understanding that can look at it now from a legislative branch angle understanding how the federal government interacts with states.” [iHeart Radio, 04:40-05:20, [7/24/25](#)] (AUDIO)

Alvarado Said The One Big Beautiful Bill Would Make Medicaid A More Efficient System.

“Medicaid is becoming a flashpoint in Kentucky’s 6th Congressional District, as Democratic candidates attack President Donald Trump’s One Big Beautiful Bill Act and Republicans mirror their congressional counterparts on support for the GOP megabill. [...] Dr. Ralph Alvarado, another Republican candidate vying to represent the district, told the Lantern during the Fancy Farm Picnic in West Kentucky last weekend that he would like to improve health care going forward and that the Republican megabill would ‘help Medicaid be used for the people that it was intended for’ and make it a ‘more efficient system.’” [News From The States, [8/8/25](#)]

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“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](#)]

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health insurance over the next decade. Republicans argue the moves are necessary to address waste and fraud in the program, ensuring “able-bodied” adults aren’t taking advantage of the system.” [The Hill, [7/7/25](#)]

- **HEADLINE: Senate Megabill Marks Biggest Medicaid Cuts In History.** [The Hill, [7/1/25](#)]

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Center For American Progress: The Amount Of Uninsured People In Kentucky Would Increase By 217,000 Due To The One Big Beautiful Bill. [Center for American Progress, [9/5/25](#)]

The One Big Beautiful Bill Threatened More Than 300 Rural Hospital Closures

The Cuts To Medicaid And Other Federal Health Programs In President Trump’s Budget Plan Would “Rapidly Push” More Than 300 Financially Struggling Rural Hospitals Toward A Fiscal Cliff. “Cuts to Medicaid and other federal health programs proposed in President Donald Trump’s budget plan would rapidly push more than 300 financially struggling rural hospitals toward a fiscal cliff, according to researchers who track the facilities’ finances. The hospitals would be at a disproportionate risk of closure, service reductions, or ending inpatient care, according to a report authored by experts from the Cecil G. Sheps Center for Health Services Research following a request from Senate Democrats, who released the findings publicly Thursday. Many of those hospitals are in Kentucky, Louisiana, California, and Oklahoma, according to the analysis.” [KFF, [6/12/25](#)]

- **HEADLINE: “NEW REPORT: Big, Bad Budget Betrayal Would Bring Rural Hospitals To The Brink Of Closure.”** [Families USA, [6/23/25](#)]
- **HEADLINE: “Hospitals Brace For ‘Big, Beautiful’ Medicaid Cuts.”** [The Hill, [7/14/25](#)]

Third Way: “More Than 700 Rural Hospitals Are In Financial Distress Or At Risk Of Closure. Substantial Cuts To Their Medicaid Payments Will Be The Last Straw For Many Of These Providers, Forcing Them To Cut Critical Services Like Maternity Wards Or Close Altogether.” “President Trump and Congressional Republicans’ full-throated attack on Medicaid in their budget bill will devastate critical hospitals across the country. The bill cleaves over a trillion dollars from Medicaid over 10 years, and our analysis projects that hospitals nationwide will experience at least \$24 billion in revenue loss annually as a result. [...] For the more than 60 million Americans living in rural areas, the situation is even more dire. More than 700 rural hospitals are in financial distress or at risk of closure. Substantial cuts to their Medicaid payments will be the last straw for many of these providers, forcing them to cut critical services like maternity wards or close altogether. This will leave rural Americans further from the care they need.” [Third Way, [7/8/25](#)]

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- **HEADLINE: “GOP Medicaid Cuts Will Decimate Hospitals Nationwide.”** [Third Way, [7/8/25](#)]

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- **Alvarado Pushed For A Constitutional Amendment To Limit The Damages That Could Be Collected From Malpractice Suits.** "Alvarado also has pushed for a constitutional amendment to limit the damages that can be collected from malpractice suits; a requirement that the suits begin with an 'affidavit of merit' from expert witnesses vouching for each claim; and a cap on plaintiffs' attorneys' fees in such cases, among his other malpractice-related bills."

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Lexington Herald Leader Headline: "He Writes Laws That Help Kentucky's Low-Rated Nursing Homes. He Also Works For Them." [Lexington Herald Leader, [1/7/19](#)]

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anti-psychotic medication, twice the national average for nursing homes.) She also was allowed to fall out of her bed, hurting herself, Damrell-Frye said. ‘It was always very understaffed,’ said Damrell-Frye, who in August settled a wrongful death suit with Fountain Circle on behalf of her mother’s estate for an undisclosed sum. ‘When I was there, I always had to do everything for my mother,’ Damrell-Frye said. ‘I had to bathe her if I wanted her bathed. I had to change her into clean clothes. Otherwise, she would have just gone filthy. That’s pretty much how it went for all of the residents there. They hardly had anyone working, and the people they did have didn’t seem to care about the patients at all.’” [Lexington Herald Leader, [1/7/19](#)]

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