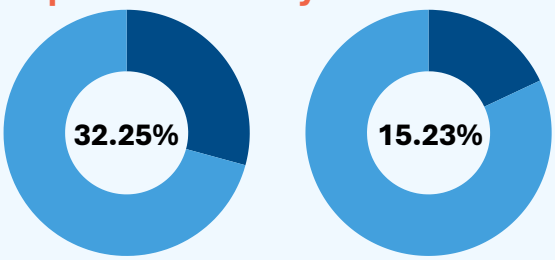
# Data for NYS Congressional District 5, Representative Gregory Meeks

**355,700**

People are covered by Medicaid and CHP[1]

**People Covered by Medicaid/CHP[2]**




of children under 19

of adults age 65+

**23,800** people with disabilities[1]

**15.60%** of children are experiencing poverty[3]

**$3.28B** in District funding loss with proposed cuts[4]

**93,000** Reduction in Medicaid/CHP enrollment with cuts[4]

## Medicaid Reductions Will Hurt All of Us

### *What Representative Meeks's Constituents Need to Know*

Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program (Child Health Plus in New York) are public health insurance programs designed to help people who otherwise could not afford health coverage. Right now, Congressional Republicans are advancing very large cuts in Medicaid. The nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office (CBO) writes that the budget outline passed in early 2025 by House Republicans would require deep cuts to Medicaid.[5] This would mean loss of coverage for people who can least afford it -- children, adults with low income, pregnant women, older adults, and people with disabilities.

Medicaid is a state-federal partnership, which means federal and state funds jointly finance New York Medicaid. A federal cut in Medicaid is a cost-shift to the state. No matter how the cuts are construed, they will result in state-level reductions.

Medicaid covers 44% of New York children, insuring children in low-income families, children with special health care needs, and children in foster care.[6]

Medicaid pays for the care of 64% of people in nursing homes in New York. It pays for community-based services for seniors and people with disabilities.[6]

Approximately 23,800 people with disabilities have Medicaid coverage in this Congressional district.

Since Medicaid is a major source of funding for hospitals -- rural, urban, and suburban -- community health centers, physicians, and nursing homes, federal cuts will undermine the financial stability of health care.

Nationally, Medicaid is the largest single source of funding for mental health and substance use care.

## Medicaid Covers

**44%** of New York's Children

**64%** of people in nursing homes in New York

Federal Medicaid cuts would not improve quality or access to care and would jeopardize the state budget, putting other priorities at risk, like K-12 funding, infrastructure, and more.

## *Federal Medicaid Funding In New York State:*[6]

**59%**
**of federal funding to New York is Medicaid**

**$55.8B**
**annually**

**The federal government contributes $1 to Medicaid for every $1 New York invests**

Medicaid is a critical safety net for military families during and after service, providing coverage for services not available through TRICARE. An estimated 860,000 people enrolled in Medicaid have TRICARE as their primary source of coverage (nationally).[7] Approximately one in ten children of active-duty service members with TRICARE also have Medicaid coverage.[7]

Medicaid plays a larger role in providing health coverage to people living in small towns and rural communities than it does in metropolitan areas, a trend that is particularly striking among children.

**"Medicaid has been critical for my son's Early Intervention services, CDPAP and OPWDD waiver services. Without Medicaid, my son would've certainly regressed. Thanks to Medicaid, my son has had access to services that otherwise would be in accessible for our family. To families like mine, Medicaid is simply a lifeline."**

*-Maggie Sanchez, Constituent of Rep. Meeks*

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