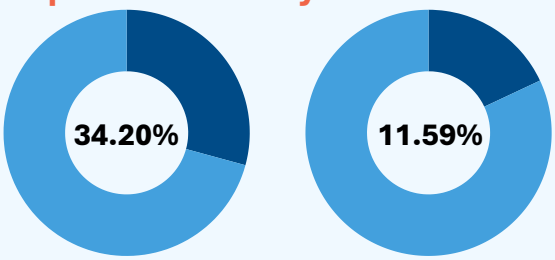
Data for NYS Congressional District 20, Representative Paul Tonko

193,100

People are covered by Medicaid and CHP[1]

People Covered by Medicaid/CHP[2]



of children under 19 | of adults age 65+

28,400 people with disabilities[1]

16.50% of children are experiencing poverty[3]

$2.09B in District funding loss with proposed cuts[4]

50,000 Reduction in Medicaid/CHP enrollment with cuts[4]

Medicaid Reductions Will Hurt All of Us

What Representative Tonko'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 28,400 people with disabilities have Medicaid coverage in this Congressional district.

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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.

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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.

"My 12-year-old has been on Medicaid for eight years because of her disabilities. Through Medicaid, she is in a program called OPWDD. She has self-direct care, which means she has a budget for a caregiver, classes, respite care and so on. This program changed our life. We need the extra support. I honestly don't know what we would do without this program. I don't know how my husband and I would both work. I know our story is just one of millions who would be devastated by the loss of Medicaid."

-Noëlle, New York State Resident

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