

The Impact of the Senate's Repeal of Health Care on Maryland

The Senate's repeal bill makes health care so much worse for so many people in so many ways, all to give huge tax breaks to the wealthy and big corporations, that it simply can't be fixed. The American people have rejected repeal. Instead of cutting backroom deals, Republican Senators should start working with Democrats to keep what works and fix what doesn't in the current law.

Cuts Health Coverage

- In 2026, 227,400 people in Maryland would [lose coverage](#) under this bill. This includes:
 - 62,600 people in the individual market.
 - 164,800 people with Medicaid, including 4,200 [Veterans](#).
- In 2022, the [uninsured rate](#) in Maryland would increase by 128.5 percent. In that year, there would be 86,000 more uninsured children and 442,000 more uninsured adults in Maryland.
- In 2018 alone, 221,660 people in Maryland would [lose coverage](#).
- Reducing health insurance coverage could lead to 274 [additional deaths](#) in Maryland in 2026.

Increases Costs

- Increases [average premiums](#) by \$1,704 in Maryland in 2020 and preserves the age tax.
- Increases [deductibles](#) by \$3,316 in Maryland for a person making about \$42,000 per year, and \$5,620 for a person making about \$18,000.
- Increases average [2018 premiums](#) by \$1,035 in Maryland.

Weakens Protections

- Up to 570,000 people in Maryland with employer-sponsored coverage would [lose protections](#) against annual or lifetime limits.
- Weakens protections for 2,586,000 people with [pre-existing conditions](#) in Maryland.
- Even if the Senate bill's fund for treating opioid use disorders were increased, it would still be only a fraction of the \$105 million [cost of comprehensive coverage](#) for all people treated for opioid use disorders in Maryland in 2026.

Hurts the Economy

- Cuts \$8.6 billion in [Federal Medicaid funding](#) to Maryland in 2026, resulting in fewer people covered, or cuts to education and other key services.
- Maryland will lose 21,184 [jobs](#) in 2026 under the House bill (the Senate bill's job loss will likely be higher).
- Gives a \$496.6 million [tax cut](#) to the wealthiest 109,100 people in Maryland.