



WHAT **MEDICAID CUTS** ACTUALLY COST



Patients Lose Health Coverage

They become uninsured, delay care and get sick.



Emergency Departments Get More Crowded

Hospital emergency departments and physicians are required by federal law to provide care to uninsured patients.



Patients Are Forced Into Debt

When patients can't cover their medical bills, hospitals and physicians are forced to pick up the cost.



Commercial Insurance Rates Soar

To cover the cost of providing emergency care to uninsured patients, providers are forced to raise rates on private insurance.



Hospitals and Physician Offices Close

Hospitals can't take on the increased financial burden and are forced to close along with surrounding physician practices and nursing homes, and the community's health care workforce is let go.



The Local Economy Falters and People Lose Jobs

Health care providers are often the largest employers in a community. Without this workforce and customer base, local businesses suffer.



States Cannot Absorb Cuts

States will reduce Medicaid coverage and benefits, cut funding from other programs and/or raise taxes.

