



PENNSYLVANIA HOSPITALS ARE FACING A CRISIS

Federal cuts to Medicaid, Medicaid Expansion, and ACA tax credits have triggered a full-blown healthcare crisis in Pennsylvania.

This isn't about politics — it's about whether your hospital stays open, whether units stay staffed, and whether our patients have anywhere to go for care.

FEDERAL FUNDING IS VANISHING

Federal decisions and cuts would mean:

- Expiration of ACA tax credits **will make coverage unaffordable** for many, but its going to lead to huge increases in premiums for everyone else – including us.
- **Massive Medicaid cuts** from the One Big Beautiful Bill
- **450,000 people** will lose coverage
- **Loss of \$4.5 billion** out of the system

WHY THIS IS A DISASTER: IMPACT ON OUR HOSPITALS, PATIENTS, AND STAFF

This will be a disaster for patient access and hospital finances. Hospitals are already dealing with closures and consolidations, and 40% are losing money. Hospitals are currently reimbursed for only 71% of the cost of care for Medicaid patients. This will drop to 64% with the cuts.

PENNSYLVANIA WILL FACE:

- A surge in uninsured patients which will lead to delayed care, advanced illness, and worse outcomes
- A collapse in hospital revenue
- Unsafe staffing statewide
- A healthcare system that cannot function

We're already seeing it: Pottstown, Scranton and Jefferson Frankford closing units; Independence Health and Wilkes Barre being sold; Tower and Jefferson losing 10's of millions of dollars a year.

And this is just the beginning.

AFFECT ON HOSPITALS

- More bed and unit closures
- Cuts to OB, psych, pediatrics, oncology
- More hospital sales, mergers – even shutdowns
- Longer ER waits and fewer staffed beds

AFFECT ON STAFF: MANAGEMENT'S GOING TO LOOK FOR CUTS

- Wage freezes and benefit cuts in upcoming contracts
- Weakened staffing language
- Cost of healthcare increases
- Layoffs, hiring freezes, and more floating
- Higher acuity and more violence as psych care collapses

WE MUST TRY TO STOP IT

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WE NEED CONGRESS TO

**REVERSE
MEDICAID
CUTS**

**PROTECT
MEDICAID
EXPANSION**

**EXTEND
ACA TAX
CREDITS**

**STABILIZE
HOSPITAL
FUNDING**

This is about whether healthcare in Pennsylvania survives – and whether our patients and our professions survive with it.

If we do nothing, the system collapses.

If we fight, we can still stop it.