

FACT SHEET: Rep. David Valadao Spreads Gutless Lies To Californians While Slashing Medicaid

California Representative David Valadao (CA-22) has spent months doubling down on lies about Medicaid, trying to pull the wool over the eyes of his constituents while supporting the House GOP's budget resolution slashing nearly \$1 trillion from Medicaid to fund tax breaks for the wealthy and large corporations at the behest of Donald Trump. The Congressional Budget Office has [exposed](#) the truth, proving that GOP budget goals can not be reached without cutting Medicaid.

The truth is, there was *never* a way to find \$880 billion in cuts without gutting Medicaid and throwing millions of people off their health care. Valadao voted for a budget that will force seniors to be thrown out of nursing homes, kids with disabilities to go without the support they need, patients fighting cancer to not be able to afford their treatments – and the list goes on and on. Valadao has been gaslighting Californians to try and avoid the backlash he knew would follow from taking life-saving health care away from his constituents in order to fund tax breaks for the wealthy and big corporations. **Read some of his most egregious lies:**

What David Valadao Is Actually Doing In Washington D.C.

- **February 2025: Valadao Voted To Advance A Budget Resolution Slashing Medicaid Funding By Nearly \$1 Trillion.** On February 25, 2025, Rep. Valadao [voted](#) to advance a budget resolution directing the House Energy & Commerce committee to [cut](#) \$880 billion in funding – nearly all of which (93 percent) would have to come from Medicaid. The motion passed the House 217-215, with all but one House Republican voting for the resolution and all House Democrats present opposing.
- **April 2025: Valadao Supported A Budget Resolution Slashing Medicaid Funding By Nearly \$1 Trillion.** On April 10, 2025, Rep. Valadao [missed a vote](#) for a budget resolution directing the House Energy & Commerce committee to [cut](#) \$880 billion in funding – nearly all of which (93 percent) would have to come from Medicaid. The resolution passed the House 216-214, with all but two House Republicans present voting for the resolution and all House Democrats present opposing. After the vote, which he allegedly missed due to family circumstances, Valadao [released a statement](#) in support of the budget resolution.

The Consequences For Californians Living In David Valadao's Congressional District (CA-22)

- David Valadao and House Republicans are putting health care at risk for [nearly 530,000 Californians in the 22nd district](#). Medicaid disproportionately serves children, older people, and people with disabilities, and in California, this includes:
 - [1,596,600](#) older Californians

- [4,257,300](#) children
- [8,306,431](#) working adults
- [7,409,500](#) non-elderly Californians of color
- [8,256,700](#) women
- [3 in 7](#) Californians with disabilities
- Cutting Medicaid expansion funding would leave at least **48,500** additional people uninsured and [154 lives would be lost](#) per year in California's 22nd district.
- [93 percent](#) of California voters in the 22nd district oppose cuts to Medicaid.
- Republicans will create at least a [\\$13.39 billion hole](#) in the California state budget to pay for tax breaks for the wealthy and corporations.

The Lies David Valadao Has Been Spewing About Medicaid

February 2025: Valadao Highlighted The Importance of Medicaid Funding For A Local Hospital In His District. In a February 2025 [post](#) on X, Valadao wrote, "Last week, I met with with [sic] @KernMedical CEO, Scott Thygerson. We discussed the importance of Medicaid funding for the hospital and the critical services they provide. I remain committed to ensuring Central Valley families have access to reliable and affordable healthcare options."

February 2025: "Slashing Medicaid Would Have Serious Consequences:" Valadao Signed Onto A Letter With Seven Other House Republicans Expressing Concern That The GOP Budget Would Gut Medicaid. The letter [reads](#): "The House Budget Resolution proposed \$880 billion in cuts to programs under the jurisdiction of the House Committee on Energy and Commerce, with Medicaid expected to bear the brunt of these reductions. Nearly 30%¹ of Medicaid enrollees are Hispanic Americans, and for many families across the country, Medicaid is their only access to healthcare. Slashing Medicaid would have serious consequences, particularly in rural and predominantly Hispanic communities where hospitals and nursing homes are already struggling to keep their doors open. Moreover, the possibility of cutting Medicaid Disproportionate Share Hospital (DSH) funding threatens hospitals that serve low-income and uninsured patients."

February 2025: Valadao Promised He Would Only Support A Budget That "Protects Essential Resources Like Medicaid." During a speech on the House floor on February 25, Valadao [declared](#): "I've made clear to House leadership that I will only support a final bill that protects essential resources like Medicaid or SNAP for Central Valley families."

March 2025: Valadao Lauded "The Importance Of Strengthening Medicaid Services." In a March 2025 [post](#) on X, Valadao wrote, "It was great meeting with Kaiser Permanente's Kern County leadership team at their Stockdale facility. We discussed the expansion of healthcare

services in rural communities and the importance of strengthening Medicaid services. I look forward to our continued partnership.”

April 2025: Valadao Falsely Claimed The House GOP Budget Will Preserve Access To Medicaid. Shortly after the budget resolution passed the House, Valadao [posted](#) on X, “I’m happy to hear @SpeakerJohnson remains committed to ensuring our hardworking families have access to Medicaid. As the budget process moves forward, I’ll continue advocating to strengthen critical programs for my constituents in the Central Valley.”

April 2025: Valadao Signed Onto A Letter To House Leadership Refusing To Support A Final Reconciliation Bill “That Includes Any Reduction In Medicaid Coverage For Vulnerable Populations.” On April 14, Rep. Valadao signed onto a letter to House GOP leadership declaring her “Strong support for [Medicaid]...balancing the federal budget must not come at the expense of those who depend on these benefits for their health and economic security.” The letter stated that the signees “cannot and will not support a final reconciliation bill that includes any reduction in Medicaid coverage for vulnerable populations.”

FACT CHECK: The House Budget Resolution Orders Nearly \$1 Trillion In Targeted Cuts – Nearly All of Which Are “Expected To Come From Medicaid.”

- **[CBO](#): Medicaid Outlays Will Account For 93 Percent of House Republicans \$880 Billion In House Energy & Commerce Budget Cuts.** “In CBO’s January 2025 baseline budget projections, mandatory outlays for the accounts that the Members asked about total \$8.8 trillion for the 2025–2034 period. Medicaid outlays account for \$8.2 trillion, or 93 percent, of that amount.” [Congressional Budget Office, “Mandatory Spending Under the Jurisdiction of the House Committee on Energy and Commerce,” [3/5/25](#)]
- **[KFF](#):** “The House Energy & Commerce Committee (which has jurisdiction over Medicaid) is instructed to reduce the federal deficit by at least \$880 billion over 10 years, with nearly all those cuts expected to come from Medicaid.” [KFF, [4/10/25](#)]
- **[The New York Times](#):** “Mathematically, the budget committee’s instructions mean the committee would need to make major cuts to either Medicare, Medicaid or both. Congressional leadership has been signaling that Medicaid has been the main focus. ... If the budget resolution is going to become public policy, it will require legislation that cuts health programs.” [The New York Times, [2/25/25](#)]
- **[The Washington Post](#):** “The House-passed budget proposal pretty clearly requires cutting Medicaid, and that’s a big political problem. ... Republicans will need to get more specific if they want to pay for extending Trump’s tax cuts. And both the math and their comments make clear that will involve significant Medicaid cuts.” [The Washington Post, [2/26/25](#)]

- **[New York Magazine](#)**: “Republicans are using their traditional tactic of not acknowledging that Medicaid cuts are Medicaid cuts.” [New York Magazine, [2/25/25](#)]
- **[Letter from Eight House Republicans](#)**: “The House Budget Resolution proposed \$880 billion in cuts to programs under the jurisdiction of the House Committee on Energy and Commerce, with Medicaid expected to bear the brunt of these reductions.” [Letter to House Speaker Mike Johnson, “RE: Protecting American Communities in the Budget Reconciliation Process,” [2/19/25](#)]
- **[Sahil Kuper, NBC News](#)**: “[The Republican budget] tells Energy & Commerce Cmte, which oversees Medicaid, to find cuts of \$880 billion. Republicans openly say spending less on Medicaid will be part of that.” [Sahil Kuper, X, [2/25/25](#)]