



# 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.



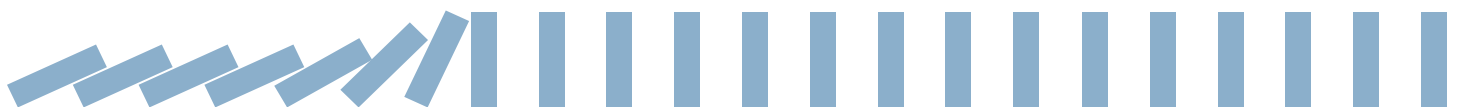
## **The Local Economy Falters and People Lose Jobs**

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.



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We ask all physicians and patients to join us in calling on your members of Congress to stop the cuts at [PhysiciansForMedicaid.org](http://PhysiciansForMedicaid.org).