

House Republicans' Extreme Budget Plan Fails Pennsylvania Families, Children, and Communities



House Republicans passed legislation that would raise costs on Pennsylvania families and take health coverage, food assistance, and other essentials away from Pennsylvanians who are already struggling to make ends meet — all while showering ever larger tax breaks on the wealthiest households. **3.1 million Pennsylvanians** now get health coverage through Medicaid and **2 million Pennsylvanians** receive food assistance from the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). Both programs are being targeted for the largest cuts in their history under the House-passed budget reconciliation bill. The bill will hurt a broad swath of families across rural, urban, and suburban parts of the state and targets people who are immigrants and their families for particularly harsh treatment.

Raises Costs and Increases Hardship for Pennsylvanians



Takes health insurance away from Pennsylvanians and makes it more costly

- Creates more red tape and barriers to coverage through **harsh new Medicaid work requirements** that could leave as many as **538,000 Pennsylvanians** in the expansion population without health coverage.
- Fails to continue the enhanced premium tax credits that help low- and middle-income families and small business owners afford health coverage, resulting in skyrocketing premium costs for Pennsylvanians. For example, a 60-year-old Pennsylvania couple making \$82,000 would see their **annual premiums for a benchmark plan increase from \$6,970 to over \$23,496**. Additionally, **32,000 Pennsylvanians could lose health coverage altogether** due to the **high premium costs**.
- Takes away Medicare and affordable ACA marketplace coverage from certain people with lawful immigration statuses including refugees, people granted asylum, and some victims of domestic violence and sex or labor trafficking.
- Penalizes Pennsylvania unless it stops providing comprehensive health coverage to adults granted humanitarian parole or to people who do not meet the "qualified" immigrant eligibility standard (which excludes many people lawfully in the U.S.). While not clear, the bill *may* also penalize Pennsylvania for opting to cover lawfully residing children and/or pregnant adults in CHIP. If Pennsylvania is subject to the penalty, its **Medicaid expansion match rate will fall from 90 to 80 percent costing \$6.5 billion in federal funding** through 2034.

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Raises the cost of groceries for up to 2 million Pennsylvanians

- Requires states for the first time to pay a minimum of 5 percent and up to 25 percent of **SNAP food benefit costs**, which could force **between \$212 million and \$1.06 billion in new costs onto Pennsylvania**. If Pennsylvania lawmakers can't meet this unfunded mandate, they would have to either reduce the state's costs by cutting benefits or the number of people who get SNAP, or opt out of SNAP entirely, which would leave Pennsylvanians without the food assistance they need to buy groceries and would negatively impact grocers, especially in rural communities.
- 401,000 Pennsylvanians would be at risk of losing some of their food assistance**, including many children, under a **significant expansion of SNAP's already harsh, ineffective, and red tape-laden work requirements** to parents and other caretakers of children aged 7 and up and adults aged 55 to 64. In addition, Pennsylvania would only be able to waive the work requirement in counties where the unemployment rate exceeds 10 percent, even during a recession.
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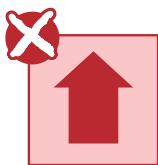




Passes the buck to Pennsylvania lawmakers

- House Republicans would make their enormous cuts to food assistance and health care in part by shifting dramatic new costs onto state governments, such as by requiring states to absorb a portion of SNAP benefit costs for the first time ever, cutting federal funding for state administrative costs in SNAP, implementing new forms of red tape that will increase uncompensated care costs, and restricting how states can fund their Medicaid programs in ways that will make states and localities pick up more of the cost if they want to keep their programs stable.
- These higher costs will be hard for Pennsylvania to shoulder even when times are good, let alone now as finances are under growing strain and the economy is flashing warning signs. In response to these added costs, Pennsylvania lawmakers would have to either raise taxes or cut back on vital health care and food assistance, as well as investments in a range of other public goods like schools and infrastructure, since the state is required to balance its budget.

States pay **5%** to **25%** of SNAP benefit costs



Increases energy prices while cutting jobs

- Cuts more than \$500 billion from clean energy tax credits, which will raise the cost of installing the lowest-cost energy — wind and solar — and cause two-thirds of planned projects nationwide to be canceled. This could lead to **energy prices increasing by roughly 5.6%** for households per month and **6,800 jobs lost in Pennsylvania**.



Makes college less affordable for Pennsylvania students

- Cuts more than \$350 billion in investments that make higher education more affordable, including changes to **Pell Grant eligibility rules**, which could result in **38,900 low- and middle-income Pennsylvania students losing all federal aid** and another **84,800 students losing some aid**. The bill also takes away access to federal financial aid from certain people with lawful immigration statuses including refugees, people granted asylum, and some victims of domestic violence and sex or labor trafficking.

Delivers Massive Tax Cuts to the Wealthiest Pennsylvanians While Failing to Deliver Support to Working Families and Children

Gives more tax cuts to the wealthy

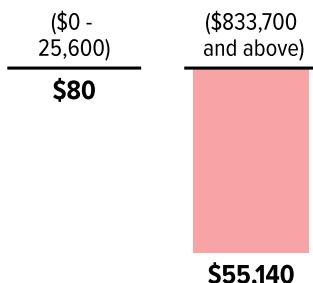
- In 2026, the **House tax plan** gives the **richest 1 percent of Pennsylvanians, earning more than \$833,700 a year, an annual tax cut of \$55,140**. In contrast, the **lowest-income Pennsylvanians, earning less than \$25,600, would receive only \$80** while also bearing the brunt of deep cuts to Medicaid and SNAP and facing higher prices due to the President's tariffs.

Leaves children in lower-income working families behind

- As many as **678,000 children in Pennsylvania working families** would be denied the full **\$2,500 Child Tax Credit** that higher-income families would get simply because their parents — who work important but low-paid jobs — don't earn enough.
- Takes away eligibility for the Child Tax Credit from U.S. citizen children and those with lawful permanent residency if the parents on the tax return (both parents in a married couple family) don't have a Social Security number (even if one parent is a citizen).

House Reconciliation Bill Gives Massive Tax Cuts to Pennsylvania's Wealthy

Tax cut by income range



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