

# **Fact Sheet**

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## Trumpcare Threatens Jobs Across the Country

Health care has been a key engine of job growth in recent years, and in fact, a third of all jobs created in the United States in the past decade have been in health care. Federal funding for health care supports the rest of the economy by creating jobs and generating economic growth. Instead of proposing legislation to create jobs, Trumpcare threatens to make jobs disappear.

By making devastating cuts to health spending in order to fund special interest tax breaks, Trumpcare would hurt our nation's recovering economy.

## Jobs will disappear.

- In ten years, nearly 1.5 million fewer people would have jobs as a result of the Senate Trumpcare bill.
- Nearly one million health care jobs would be lost, but the harm wouldn't stop there. Other affected industries include construction, real estate, finance, retail trade, and public employment.

### States would take a hit.

By the year 2026, gross state products would decrease by \$162 billion and state business outputs could be \$265 billion lower.

### Schools would suffer.

School districts rely on Medicaid funding to pay for therapists, nurses, and other key personnel who provide services for students with disabilities, as well as critical health services for many other students. While schools only receive less than 1 percent of all Medicaid funding, that amounts to \$4-5 billion distributed to schools to provide services for students.

Medicaid cuts would force school districts to make up that funding from other sources, ultimately reducing school resources and threatening services for all students.

- In 2017, <u>68 percent of school superintendents</u> reported that they used Medicaid funding to keep school nurses, school counselors, speech therapists and other health professionals on staff.
- Cuts to Medicaid proposed under the House-passed Trumpcare bill equate to the salaries of:
  - o 12,539 school nurses; or
  - o 9,877 school social workers; or
  - o 8,094 school counselors or psychologists; or
  - o 9,500 school-based physical therapists; or
  - o 10,000 speech language professionals.