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Last Year’s Failed Effort in the House to Cut Federal Support for Medicaid Threatened Health Coverage for Millions of Californians

In May 2017, the US House of Representatives narrowly approved – by a 217-to-213 vote – the American Health Care Act of 2017 (AHCA). This bill, which did not advance beyond the House, would have reversed California’s progress in extending health coverage to millions of people under the framework of the federal Affordable Care Act (ACA), which President Obama signed into law in 2010. California’s House delegation split along partisan lines: All 14 Republicans voted for the AHCA, while all 39 Democrats voted against it. Key provisions of the bill targeted Medicaid, which is known as Medi-Cal in California and covers over 13 million Californians with low and moderate incomes. The AHCA would have 1) phased out the expansion of Medicaid eligibility to certain low-income adults ages 19 to 64, including adults without dependent children, and 2) capped annual federal funding for the entire Medicaid program. Overall, the House bill would have shifted nearly \$6 billion in costs for Medi-Cal from the federal government to California in 2020, rising to an annual shift of \$24 billion by 2027, according to state projections. Such a massive cost-shift would have forced deep state spending cuts and put at risk the health and economic security of millions of Californians. Proposals to cut federal Medicaid funding and roll back other key provisions of the ACA could re-emerge in 2019 depending on the outcome of the upcoming midterm elections.

Medi-Cal Enrollees Are More Than One-Third of the Population in 27 of California’s 53 House Districts

District	Representative	Party	Medi-Cal Enrollees (January 2017)*			Enrollees’ Share of Population	Rank (Highest to Lowest Percentage)
			Adults (19 to 64) Who Became Newly Eligible as of January 2014	Children and Other Adults	Total		
California			3,765,891	9,629,637	13,395,528	34.1%	N/A
1	LaMalfa, Doug	R	70,495	174,800	245,295	34.9%	24
2	Huffman, Jared	D	65,227	135,619	200,846	28.0%	36
3	Garamendi, John	D	63,328	180,313	243,641	32.9%	28
4	McClintock, Tom	R	45,361	102,570	147,931	20.1%	47
5	Thompson, Mike	D	57,520	145,617	203,137	27.6%	37
6	Matsui, Doris O.	D	79,839	248,207	328,046	42.9%	14
7	Bera, Ami	D	57,054	155,204	212,258	28.7%	33
8	Cook, Paul	R	83,456	236,032	319,488	44.2%	10
9	McNerney, Jerry	D	77,152	230,694	307,846	40.5%	19
10	Denham, Jeff	R	79,917	224,284	304,201	40.8%	18
11	DeSaulnier, Mark	D	52,573	141,792	194,365	25.7%	39
12	Pelosi, Nancy	D	68,035	121,974	190,009	25.1%	42

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13	Lee, Barbara	D	76,901	167,932	244,833	32.4%	29
14	Speier, Jackie	D	54,370	109,958	164,328	21.9%	45
15	Swalwell, Eric	D	45,440	117,824	163,264	21.2%	46
16	Costa, Jim	D	103,045	334,726	437,771	60.0%	1
17	Khanna, Ro	D	45,153	92,970	138,123	17.8%	49
18	Eshoo, Anna G.	D	34,790	72,193	106,983	14.5%	51
19	Lofgren, Zoe	D	74,841	171,262	246,103	32.3%	30
20	Panetta, Jimmy	D	67,061	219,423	286,484	38.5%	22
21	Valadao, David	R	95,476	314,138	409,614	56.4%	2
22	Nunes, Devin	R	74,398	238,869	313,267	41.5%	17
23	McCarthy, Kevin	R	68,455	222,900	291,355	40.2%	21
24	Carbajal, Salud	D	54,099	155,823	209,922	28.4%	34
25	Knight, Steve	R	66,155	179,008	245,163	33.6%	26
26	Brownley, Julia	D	58,163	156,345	214,508	29.5%	32
27	Chu, Judy	D	75,777	140,837	216,614	29.9%	31
28	Schiff, Adam	D	92,531	150,677	243,208	34.3%	25
29	Cárdenas, Tony	D	105,269	259,062	364,331	50.2%	5
30	Sherman, Brad	D	72,741	135,761	208,502	27.4%	38
31	Aguilar, Pete	D	84,834	224,921	309,755	41.7%	16
32	Napolitano, Grace	D	89,512	211,133	300,645	41.8%	15
33	Lieu, Ted	D	34,609	50,738	85,347	12.0%	53
34	Gomez, Jimmy	D	121,409	253,618	375,027	49.4%	6
35	Torres, Norma	D	90,834	245,767	336,601	45.2%	9
36	Ruiz, Raul	D	78,101	223,478	301,579	40.2%	20
37	Bass, Karen	D	101,723	212,269	313,992	43.1%	13
38	Sánchez, Linda	D	66,158	170,579	236,737	33.4%	27
39	Royce, Ed**	R	56,156	125,151	181,307	24.8%	43
40	Roybal-Allard, Lucille	D	96,642	305,502	402,144	55.6%	3
41	Takano, Mark	D	80,378	251,322	331,700	43.6%	11
42	Calvert, Ken	R	55,027	148,007	203,034	25.6%	40
43	Waters, Maxine	D	92,114	220,009	312,123	43.1%	12
44	Barragán, Nanette	D	102,316	284,812	387,128	53.5%	4
45	Walters, Mimi	R	39,611	86,611	126,222	16.3%	50
46	Correa, J. Louis	D	87,958	260,522	348,480	47.3%	8
47	Lowenthal, Alan	D	78,175	181,157	259,332	36.3%	23
48	Rohrabacher, Dana	R	57,559	109,258	166,817	22.9%	44
49	Issa, Darrell**	R	40,794	102,178	142,972	19.3%	48
50	Hunter, Duncan D.	R	55,963	155,952	211,915	28.2%	35
51	Vargas, Juan	D	93,088	273,250	366,338	49.0%	7
52	Peters, Scott	D	37,842	62,929	100,771	13.4%	52
53	Davis, Susan	D	60,466	133,660	194,126	25.3%	41

* Most recent enrollment data available by House district. Excludes 135,012 Medi-Cal enrollees with an invalid legislative district.

** Not seeking re-election in 2018.

Source: Budget Center analysis of data from the Department of Health Care Services, the US Census Bureau, and the US House of Representatives