

Pennsylvania

Under the second Trump administration

Just over a year ago, the Trump administration and Republicans in Congress appropriated \$191 billion for immigration enforcement, while cutting \$911 billion from health care funding in the so-called One Big Beautiful Bill Act (OBBBA). At a time when Americans face an increasing affordability crisis, the cuts from this bill and other funding cuts from the Trump administration have already begun to affect American families, leading to millions losing health care, hospitals closing across the country, and billions poured into new immigration jails and ICE assaults on American cities.

What has changed in Pennsylvania?

Federal funding cuts & effects	Federal funding expansions & effects
\$6.1 billion Projected loss in federal funding from changes to Medicaid, SNAP, ACA subsidies, and the RHTP (2029)	\$206.9 million Spent by DHS buying 2 warehouse(s) or private prison(s) to expand ICE detention capacity, as of August 2026
74,000 More people projected to become uninsured because of ACA subsidies expiring in 2026	12,714 ICE arrests, January 21, 2025 through August 6, 2026
210,268 Fewer people receiving SNAP food assistance, as of August 2026	126 Active 287(g) agreements between local agencies and ICE, as of August 21, 2026
119,040 Fewer people enrolled in Medicaid and CHIP compared to one year prior, April 2026	23 ICE detention facilities, July 2026
26 Hospitals and medical facilities closed or closing, August 2026	2,072 People held daily across those detention facilities on average, 2025–2026
26,200 Projected net health care jobs lost, combining the effects of changes to ACA, Medicaid, and the creation of the RHTP	

\$4.5 million

Terminated DOJ (Office of Justice Programs) grant funding for Community Safety + Violence Intervention

What do these changes mean for the people of Pennsylvania?

- [Doctors warn One Big Beautiful Bill healthcare changes are increasing pressure on Pa. hospitals](#), The Keystone, August 11, 2026: Doctors in Pennsylvania are reporting longer wait times and an influx of patients at the ER as ACA subsidies expire and more people forgo routine preventive care. One physician said, “We’re just unfortunately seeing patients have to choose between rent and groceries and gas and health insurance.”
- [‘I fell into a downward spiral’: SNAP cuts are taking a toll on the thousands of Pennsylvanians losing benefits](#), Times Leader, February 19, 2026: A SNAP recipient in Philadelphia whose monthly benefits dropped from \$400 to \$200 in January is now left having to choose between paying bills or buying food. “Now, the money I used to pay for electricity and water has to go for food,” she said. “This makes surviving more difficult,” she added.
- [ICE dumps plan to turn 2 Pennsylvania warehouses into detention centers](#), CBS News, July 22, 2026: ICE has abandoned its plans to convert two warehouses it purchased in Pennsylvania into detention centers. The state had previously denied drinking and wastewater permits to block the warehouse conversions.



Read the full 50 state report to learn more about how the Trump administration’s cuts are harming American communities, and see the methodology and sources at <http://fwd.us/cuttinghealthcare>

About FWD.us: FWD.us is a policy organization working to advance better and more politically resilient solutions on criminal justice and immigration.