

The Iowa Impact: One Year of the Republican Tax Law (H.R. 1)

Documenting the Economic and Health Care Consequences for Iowa Families, Communities, and Rural Hospitals

On July 4, 2025, President Donald Trump signed H.R. 1 into law, creating the largest transfer of wealth from working families to the ultra-wealthy in American history. All of Iowa's congressional delegation voted to pass the law including Representatives Zach Nunn, Mariannette Miller-Meeks and Ashely Hinson. One year later, this report documents the devastating consequences Iowa is experiencing from the law's historic cuts to Medicaid, SNAP and other essential programs that were slashed to fund permanent tax breaks for billionaires and corporations.

The Bottom Line

- [\\$7-12 billion](#) will be stripped from Iowa hospitals over the next decade
- [11 clinics and hospitals](#) across the state have already closed or announced closures, with 6 more making cuts or remaining at risk of closure.
- [23,630 fewer Iowans](#) are receiving SNAP benefits
- Affordable Care Act premiums have skyrocketed [an average of 173%](#) for [over 110,000 Iowans](#)
- Medicaid cuts are making coverage harder to maintain for [over 600,000 Iowans](#) who rely on the program

What's Actually Happening in Iowa

Health Care: Clinics Closing, Coverage Disappearing

Iowans are seeing health care facilities disappear, restricting their ability to seek care when they are sick. Further drives, longer wait times and fewer options mean that fewer Iowans will be able to receive the care they need.

Since H.R. 1 passed, [we've already seen](#):

1. [MercyOne Ottumwa Family and Internal Medicine Clinic](#) - closed
2. [MercyOne South Des Moines Family Medicine and Urgent Care](#) - closed
3. [MercyOne Traer Family Medicine](#) - closed
4. [MercyOne Clinton Medical Center Labor & Delivery Unit](#) - closed
5. [Britton Chiropractic & Rehab Clinic](#) - closed
6. [Horn Memorial Hospital Home Health and Hospice services](#) - closed
7. [River Hills Community Health Center in Centerville](#) - closing July 2026
8. [River Hills Community Health Center in Richland](#) - closing July 2026
9. [UnityPoint Clinic Family Medicine in Merville](#) - closing July 2026
10. [UnityPoint Clinic Family Medicine in Anthon](#) - closing July 2026
11. [Planned Parenthood Iowa City Health Center](#) - closing July 2026
12. [Southeast Iowa Regional Medical Center Labor & Delivery Unit](#) - closing end of 2026
13. [Pella Regional Medical Clinic](#) - announced cuts
14. [MercyOne Des Moines Medical Center](#) - announced cuts
15. [MercyOne North Iowa Medical Center](#) - announced cuts

It's not just buildings closing; access is disappearing. [As one Iowa physician put it:](#) "When rural hospitals and clinics close or reduce services, those patients have to come to the urban areas like Des Moines or Iowa City. When that happens, wait times get longer for everyone, and things like specialty care get delayed longer and people get sicker."

Cancer Patients at Risk

Iowa continues to face one of the [highest cancer rates in the country](#) and remains one of the few states where new cancer cases are still rising. In order to make the largest Medicaid cuts in history, Republicans have proposed a new rule that would make it harder for people with cancer or other serious illnesses to get and maintain coverage. [48 national patient organizations](#)

representing people with cancer, heart disease, kidney disease, ALS, Parkinson's and diabetes have warned this will cause massive coverage losses.

Not only would this rule make getting coverage harder, it could also kick patients actively receiving treatment off of Medicaid. Illnesses like cancer are hard enough to deal with; sick lowans do not need the additional stress of potentially losing the health care coverage that allows them to live.

Food Assistance: Families Going Hungry

Nationally, SNAP participation dropped by nearly [10 percent between July 2025 and March 2026](#), the steepest decline in decades. Nearly 25,000 fewer lowans are enrolled in the program. Combined with rising costs, these cuts are leaving more families with less on the table.

Organizations that help feed hungry lowans are [doing everything they can to keep up with the surge in demand](#):

- The Supply Hive in Des Moines [launched a canning program](#) to help stretch donations further by preserving fresh produce with a team of volunteers.
- Northeast Iowa Food Bank [launched two new community initiatives in 2026](#). One for supporters to include the food bank in their future plans and another that puts donation options with purchases at local businesses
- CommUnity Food Bank in Iowa City [started a new Mobile Pantry](#) that delivers food to people otherwise unable to access food assistance and to cover rural areas of Johnson County.

Jobs At Risk

[The research shows](#) that by 2029, in Iowa, the Medicaid and SNAP cuts alone will cause:

- Over \$1.1 billion in state GDP losses
- Over 10,000 jobs lost
- Nearly \$75 million in state and local tax revenue losses

These numbers mean neighbors losing jobs, small businesses closing and communities struggling to fund schools and roads, leading to more strain on the programs already gutted by the Republican Tax Law.

Choices They Made

All members of Iowa's congressional delegation voted for the Republican Tax Law and have continued to voice support for it.

When they voted for H.R. 1, they chose:

- Tax cuts for the wealthiest 1% of Americans [amounting to \\$1 trillion](#) over the next decade
- [\\$234 billion in tax cuts for wealthy corporations in 2026 alone](#), including companies who have [laid off nearly 3,000 Iowans this year](#)
- Making Iowans and Americans pick up the tab with over [\\$900 billion cut from Medicaid](#) and [\\$187 billion from SNAP](#)
- Completing the largest ever transfer of wealth to the top 1% by gutting programs that working families rely on to make ends meet.

Iowans know they deserve better; the choices their representatives have made are [proving to be highly unpopular](#). This isn't about a political agenda or partisanship; it's about families being able to feed their kids, seek health care when they are sick and have the 'Freedom to Flourish' in their communities.