

## Federal funding losses hurt Minnesota

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services has taken action to withhold \$515 million and defer \$260 million from Minnesota’s Medicaid program, called Medical Assistance. Should both of these actions move forward for four quarters in a year, they would total approximately \$3.1 billion in Medical Assistance funds. This comes on top of the significant Medicaid cuts contained in the federal reconciliation bill (Public Law 119-21).

With these actions, the federal government could force state lawmakers into difficult decisions on health care access for more than 1.2 million Minnesotans. Minnesota’s budget reserve cannot legally be used to cover reduced federal funding. This table demonstrates the impact of \$3.1 billion.

Medicaid contributes significantly to the financial viability of many Minnesota health care providers, including hospitals, mental health centers, home care, community clinics, and nursing homes. Medicaid funding losses – even if temporary – could increase uncompensated care for these providers. Those costs eventually get passed along to all health care consumers or cause such financial strain that facilities close – affecting access to care for everyone. While the situation is dire, health care providers will continue to be reimbursed for Medicaid services as required under state and federal law.

County	# Medicaid enrollees	% of county residents enrolled in Medicaid	Medicaid payments in 2024	Share of annual impact of \$3.1B*
Aitkin	4,042	23.0%	\$34,500,000	–\$5,800,000
Anoka	79,624	19.5%	\$673,500,000	–\$112,600,000
Becker	9,664	25.7%	\$70,900,000	–\$11,900,000
Beltrami	16,092	32.8%	\$147,600,000	–\$24,700,000
Benton	10,343	23.2%	\$74,400,000	–\$12,400,000
Big Stone	1,525	28.0%	\$16,500,000	–\$2,800,000
Blue Earth	14,490	19.3%	\$354,900,000	–\$59,300,000

\*Assumptions in map data: The deferral of \$260 million in Minnesota’s Medicaid payments announced by CMS Feb. 25 is multiplied by four quarters, totaling \$1.1 billion, and combines with the \$2 billion withhold in Minnesota’s Medicaid payments announced by CMS Jan. 6. This total \$3.1 billion withhold and deferral are spread proportionately across each county based on their provider payments. Totals are rounded to nearest hundred-thousands place.

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<b>Brown</b>	4,921	17.8%	\$58,500,000	-\$9,800,000
<b>Carlton</b>	7,722	19.7%	\$84,500,000	-\$14,100,000
<b>Carver</b>	12,869	10.5%	\$141,800,000	-\$23,700,000
<b>Cass</b>	10,090	32.0%	\$58,000,000	-\$9,700,000
<b>Chippewa</b>	3,604	27.6%	\$44,800,000	-\$7,500,000
<b>Chisago</b>	10,055	15.8%	\$83,700,000	-\$14,000,000
<b>Clay</b>	17,439	24.8%	\$140,900,000	-\$23,600,000
<b>Clearwater</b>	2,594	28.4%	\$18,500,000	-\$3,100,000
<b>Cook</b>	1,149	18.1%	\$6,500,000	-\$1,100,000
<b>Cottonwood</b>	3,687	31.0%	\$24,600,000	-\$4,100,000
<b>Crow Wing</b>	16,493	22.2%	\$186,900,000	-\$31,200,000
<b>Dakota</b>	91,456	18.8%	\$995,200,000	-\$166,400,000
<b>Dodge</b>	3,706	16.3%	\$12,600,000	-\$2,100,000
<b>Douglas</b>	7,330	16.7%	\$94,000,000	-\$15,800,000
<b>Faribault</b>	4,007	26.9%	\$23,200,000	-\$3,900,000
<b>Fillmore</b>	4,647	20.0%	\$24,800,000	-\$4,200,000
<b>Freeborn</b>	8,345	25.4%	\$70,400,000	-\$11,800,000

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Goodhue	7,872	15.2%	\$83,500,000	-\$14,000,000
Grant	1,560	23.2%	\$10,900,000	-\$1,800,000
Hennepin	303,753	22.2%	\$6,738,100,000	-\$1,126,600,000
Houston	3,183	15.9%	\$20,900,000	-\$3,500,000
Hubbard	5,853	24.4%	\$38,000,000	-\$6,400,000
Isanti	8,783	18.8%	\$64,800,000	-\$10,800,000
Itasca	11,089	22.6%	\$128,900,000	-\$21,600,000
Jackson	2,249	21.3%	\$12,700,000	-\$2,100,000
Kanabec	4,392	24.6%	\$52,000,000	-\$8,700,000
Kandiyohi	13,107	28.2%	\$207,500,000	-\$34,700,000
Kittson	1,083	24.9%	\$7,100,000	-\$1,200,000
Koochiching	2,873	22.5%	\$22,400,000	-\$3,700,000
Lac qui Parle	1,672	23.4%	\$18,100,000	-\$3,000,000
Lake	2,203	18.5%	\$10,100,000	-\$1,700,000
Lake of the Woods	975	23.4%	\$5,700,000	-\$1,000,000
Le Sueur	5,071	16.1%	\$29,400,000	-\$4,900,000
Lincoln	1,251	20.8%	\$9,900,000	-\$1,600,000

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Lyon	7,006	26.1%	\$70,500,000	-\$11,800,000
Mahnomen	2,665	48.2%	\$15,400,000	-\$2,600,000
Marshall	1,973	20.6%	\$11,000,000	-\$1,800,000
Martin	5,634	27.0%	\$36,300,000	-\$6,100,000
McLeod	7,053	17.9%	\$67,100,000	-\$11,200,000
Meeker	5,163	20.5%	\$49,600,000	-\$8,300,000
Mille Lacs	8,073	27.5%	\$57,300,000	-\$9,600,000
Morrison	7,797	21.0%	\$78,900,000	-\$13,200,000
Mower	12,067	28.5%	\$55,700,000	-\$9,300,000
Murray	1,811	20.8%	\$10,700,000	-\$1,800,200
Nicollet	6,409	17.4%	\$57,300,000	-\$9,600,000
Nobles	6,819	29.9%	\$31,800,000	-\$5,300,000
Norman	1,752	26.1%	\$13,200,000	-\$2,200,000
Olmsted	34,018	19.1%	\$627,800,000	-\$105,000,000
Otter Tail	13,709	20.9%	\$152,400,000	-\$25,500,000
Pennington	2,800	19.1%	\$28,000,000	-\$4,700,000
Pine	7,990	24.9%	\$40,900,000	-\$6,800,000

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Pipestone	2,403	24.7%	\$18,300,000	-\$3,100,000
Polk	8,469	26.2%	\$75,100,000	-\$12,600,000
Pope	2,477	20.2%	\$24,100,000	-\$4,000,000
Ramsey	173,199	30.2%	\$3,090,900,000	-\$516,800,000
Red Lake	908	21.6%	\$2,400,000	-\$400,000
Redwood	3,945	24.2%	\$26,300,000	-\$4,400,000
Renville	3,923	25.4%	\$25,600,000	-\$4,300,000
Rice	14,354	19.9%	\$127,300,000	-\$21,300,000
Rock	1,926	18.9%	\$14,500,000	-\$2,400,000
Roseau	3,103	18.7%	\$22,000,000	-\$3,700,000
Scott	26,864	15.5%	\$193,800,000.00	-\$32,400,000
Sherburne	19,859	18.0%	\$160,600,000	-\$26,800,000
Sibley	3,470	21.6%	\$15,700,000	-\$2,600,000
St. Louis	44,948	20.9%	\$751,600,000	-\$125,700,000
Stearns	40,152	23.3%	\$679,500,000	-\$113,600,000
Steele	8,755	22.1%	\$82,700,000	-\$13,800,000
Stevens	1,903	18.1%	\$37,100,000	-\$6,200,000

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Swift	2,430	23.6%	\$19,500,000	-\$3,300,000
Todd	6,310	22.8%	\$62,000,000	-\$10,400,000
Traverse	995	29.9%	\$7,200,000	-\$1,200,000
Wabasha	4,001	16.9%	\$25,600,000	-\$4,300,000
Wadena	4,861	32.0%	\$45,300,000	-\$7,600,000
Waseca	4,355	21.3%	\$37,600,000	-\$6,300,000
Washington	41,985	13.7%	\$3,779,000,000	-\$63,200,000
Watonwan	3,119	26.3%	\$14,900,000	-\$2,500,000
Wilkin	1,556	23.2%	\$8,500,000	-\$1,413,300
Winona	9,081	17.0%	\$73,800,000	-\$12,300,000
Wright	24,826	15.0%	\$178,200,000	-\$29,800,000
Yellow Medicine	2,330	22.3%	\$25,000,000	-\$4,200,000