


# TRUMP'S BUDGET WOULD BE DEVASTATING FOR RHODE ISLAND

## If Trump's Budget for 2019 became law, it would:

- Eliminate health insurance for 89,000 Rhode Islanders by implementing the cruel “Graham-Cassidy” plan to **repeal and replace the Affordable Care Act**. This plan would slash funding for Medicaid, weaken protections for people with pre-existing conditions, and cause havoc in the health insurance market.
- Cut Medicaid by \$1.4 trillion over the next 10 years – 34 percent in 2028 alone – with Rhode Island's share representing \$5 billion. **Medicaid** provides funding for more than 60 percent of all nursing home residents, 40 percent of all children, 60 percent of children with disabilities, and nearly half of all births in the U.S.
- Slash the **Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP, or food stamps)** by \$213.5 billion, potentially eliminating nutrition assistance from 39,000 Rhode Islanders, 86 percent of whom live in households with at least one child, elderly person, or a person with a disability. Providing a “Blue Apron”-style, government-issued box of canned goods to make up for some of this cut is merely a cruel joke.
- Eliminate nutrition assistance for 2,400 pregnant women, new moms, babies, and toddlers in Rhode Island by cutting the **Women, Infants, and Children (WIC)** program by 13 percent in the final year of this budget.
- Deny heating assistance to 29,800 Rhode Island households – 68 percent of which include at least one elderly person, one person with a disability, or one child under five years old – by abolishing the **Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)**.
- Cut off affordable housing assistance to 850 Rhode Island families, putting them at immediate risk of eviction and homelessness by slashing “**Section 8**” **Housing Choice Vouchers**.
- Cut **Head Start** in Rhode Island by \$39 million over 10 years, which – in any given year over the next 10 – could eliminate high-quality child care and early education for 310 low-income children.
- Eliminate after-school programs for 5,800 Rhode Island students by zeroing out the **21st Century Community Learning Centers** program.
- Make college more expensive by completely eliminating the **Direct Subsidized Loan** program that 35,100 Rhode Island students benefit from each year and by eliminating grants to some 13,100 Rhode Island students through the **Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant** program. The Trump Budget also eliminates the **Public Service Loan Forgiveness** program and cuts **Federal Work Study** by 80 percent.
- End a home energy **weatherization** program that for over 40 years has helped make 36,000 Rhode Island residences more energy efficient. This program saves the average homeowner nearly \$300 a year on energy bills.
- Eliminate federal funding for seven Rhode Island **community action programs** that provide thousands of low-income Rhode Islanders emergency food, shelter, heating assistance, transportation, and health care.
- Cut \$15 million in **Community Development Block Grants** that provide Rhode Island funding for affordable housing, transportation, and economic development.





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