

# TRUMP'S BUDGET WOULD BE DEVASTATING FOR ARKANSAS

## If Trump's Budget for 2020 became law, it would:

- **Repeal the Affordable Care Act**, eliminating health insurance for 439,000 Arkansans, abolishing protections for people with pre-existing conditions, and substantially increasing premiums for older Americans. If the Trump Budget became law, a 60-year-old living in Arkansas making \$25,000 a year could see their health care premiums increase by up to \$7,500 a year – from \$1,608 to \$9,064 in 2020, more than one-third of their income.
- Cut federal funding for Arkansas's **Medicaid** program by \$21 billion over the next 10 years. Nationally, the Trump Budget proposes to cut Medicaid by \$1.5 trillion over the next 10 years – 36 percent in 2029 alone. Medicaid provides funding for more than 60 percent of all nursing home residents, 83 percent of poor children, 48 percent of children with special needs, and nearly half of all births in the U.S.
- Make college more expensive for 31,000 Arkansas students by completely eliminating the **Direct Subsidized Loan** program and by taking away grants for 10,000 students by abolishing the **Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant** program. The Trump Budget also eliminates the **Public Service Loan Forgiveness** program and cuts the **Federal Work Study** program by more than 55 percent.
- Eliminate after-school programs for 12,000 Arkansas students by zeroing out the **21st Century Community Learning Centers** program.
- Take away high-quality child care and early education for 1,750 low-income Arkansas children by cutting **Head Start** by 17 percent in the final year of this budget.
- Eliminate nutrition assistance for up to 100,000 Arkansans – 94 percent of whom live in households with at least one child, elderly person, or a person with a disability – by cutting the **Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP, or food stamps)** by \$220 billion nationally over 10 years.
- Take food out of the mouths of 11,000 pregnant women, new moms, babies, and toddlers in Arkansas by cutting the **Women, Infants, and Children (WIC)** program by 13 percent in the final year of this budget.
- Deny heating and cooling assistance to 83,000 Arkansas households – 74 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)**.





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