

Floridians Sound Alarm on Pediatric Medicaid Funding Cuts

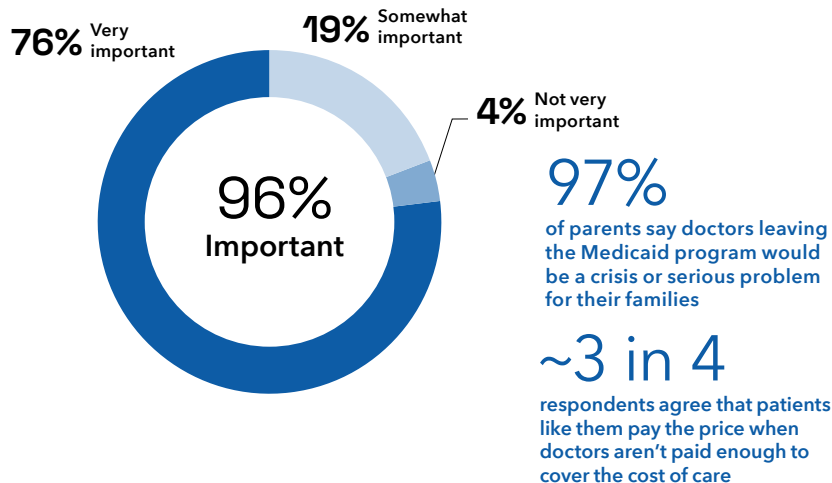
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A new poll found that Floridians who rely on Medicaid are widely concerned about recent changes to funding for primary pediatric care, with 3 in 4 believing that patients pay the price when doctors aren't paid enough to cover the cost of care – and most believing Florida's government should be responsible for resolving the issue.

Key Findings

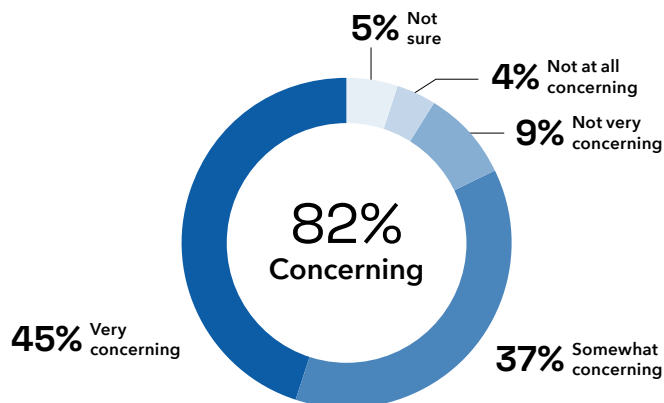
Medicaid families value a consistent pediatrician relationship

How important is it for your child to see the same pediatrician consistently over time, rather than a different pediatrician each visit?



Concern about Medicaid funding changes is widespread

When Floridians learn about recent Medicaid funding changes that redirect a greater share of funding toward specialized therapy and away from regular pediatric care, the vast majority express concern.



Key Context

A 2025 change to how Florida's Medicaid program pays for behavior analysis services was followed by a funding error that has since drained hundreds of millions of dollars from the state's general pediatric care budget.

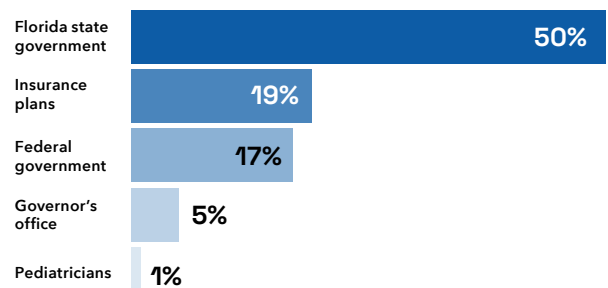
The agency responsible, the Florida Agency for Health Care Administration (AHCA), is aware of the error but has not corrected it – forcing some clinics out of the Medicaid program and putting care at risk for more than 2 million Florida children who depend on it.

Pediatric Associates, the state's largest primary pediatric provider, has filed suit to compel a fix.

Floridians Want Action

Florida Medicaid beneficiaries believe state should be responsible for fixing the problem

In your view, who is responsible for fixing this problem?



Respondents less likely to support state officials who don't act to correct the problem

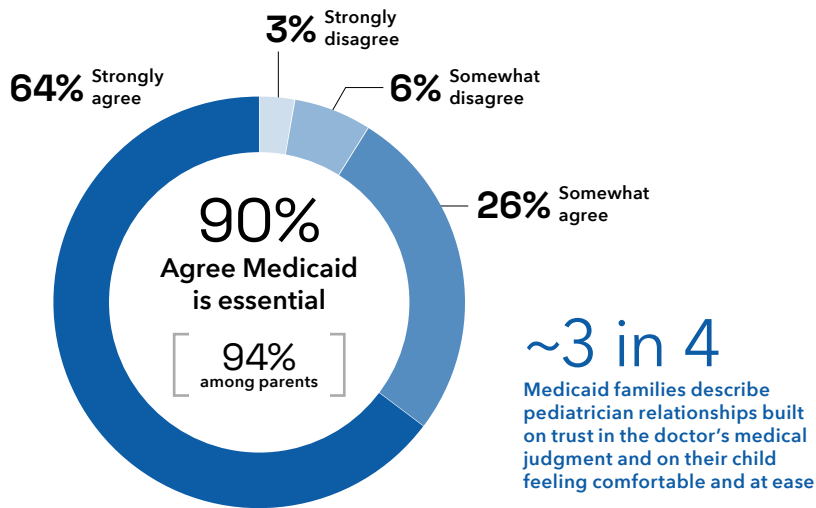
If you learned that state officials were aware of the problem with how payments to children's doctors are calculated but have taken no action to correct it, would you be more or less likely to support them in the next election?



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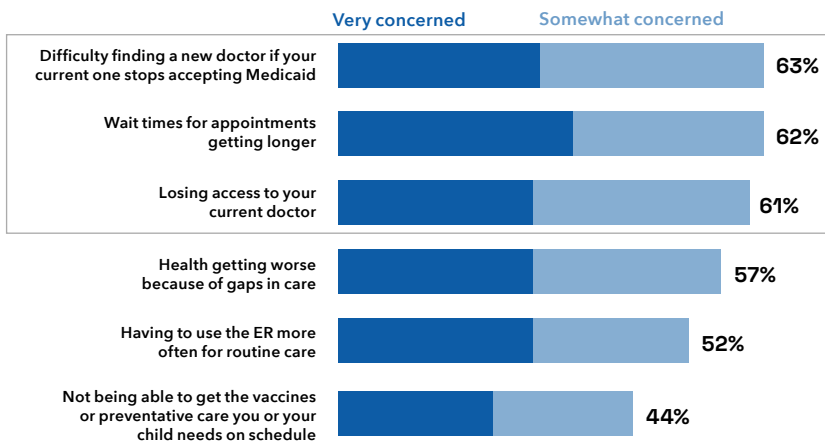
Deeper Dive: Additional Findings from New Poll of Floridians Who Rely on Medicaid

Almost all surveyed Floridians say Medicaid is essential for families like theirs



Most respondents worry about losing access to their current doctor and the difficulty of having to find a new one

How concerned are you about the following for yourself and your family?



Methodology

The poll, conducted by Rep Data and commissioned by Pediatric Associates, surveyed 500 Floridians who rely on Medicaid, including 100 parents, between June 26 and July 10, 2026. The poll has a margin of error of +/- 4.4%. Some figures may not sum to 100% due to rounding and small shares of respondents saying they are not sure.

Florida Families in Their Own Words

What would it mean for Florida parents if their current doctor stopped accepting Medicaid?

"My children have always seen the same pediatrician, and they know and trust them; it would be very difficult for them to gain that kind of trust with another doctor."

"It would mean bad news as my child needs Medicaid to pay for their visits, and my child will get sick without treatment."

"That would mean that my child would have to endure the rigorous process of going through pediatricians to find the right one that accepts Medicaid and makes my child feel comfortable and at ease in their care."

Surveyed Floridians agree state has responsibility to ensure Medicaid covers cost of children's care

Do you agree or disagree with the following statement: Florida's state government has a responsibility to make sure that Medicaid payments cover the actual cost of caring for children, so that doctors can afford to keep seeing Medicaid patients.

