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BECAUSE EVERYONE DESERVES HEALTHCARE

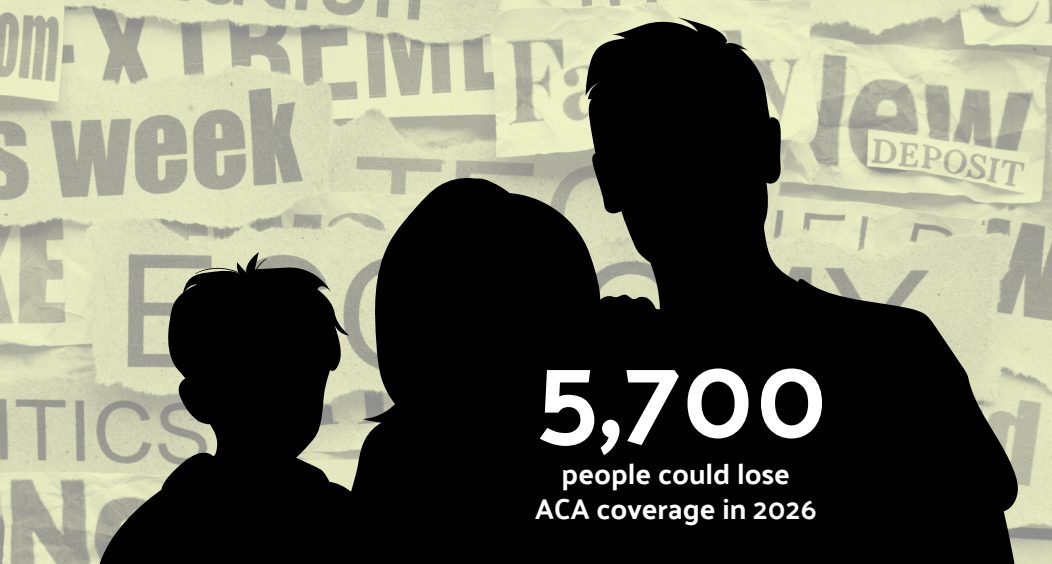


Brutal Cuts Are Coming

The healthcare safety net is going under the knife

1 in 5
WILL LOSE
MEDICAID

18,000 in
Bergen County



Dear Friend,

There is no doubt the recently passed federal reconciliation bill will create a healthcare crisis. Cuts to Medicaid will be severe—in Bergen County alone, 18,000 people could lose their benefits. And in just a few months, 5,700 county residents could lose their ACA (Affordable Care Act) coverage due to shortened enrollment periods, canceled subsidies and higher premiums, making it more difficult to enroll and unaffordable for many.

Our hospital partners will also experience a huge surge in uninsured people seeking non-emergency care in the ER, while simultaneously suffering a sharp decrease in Medicaid reimbursements.

This all means a significant increase in demand for BVMI's services in the coming year. As a critical safety net for so many uninsured Bergen County residents, we are doing our best to prepare, but we cannot meet the growing needs of our neighbors without your help.



Amanda **Amanda Missey**
President/CEO

Your financial support has never been more critical as we seek to address the looming crisis. We also need more clinical and administrative volunteers in our two clinics. If you are already a donor (thank you!), please consider increasing your contribution. If you've never donated, there's no time like the present to do so. And, if you know of someone looking for rewarding work as a BVMI volunteer, please tell them about us!

As always, we—and the hundreds of patients we serve—are counting on you to help us meet the moment.

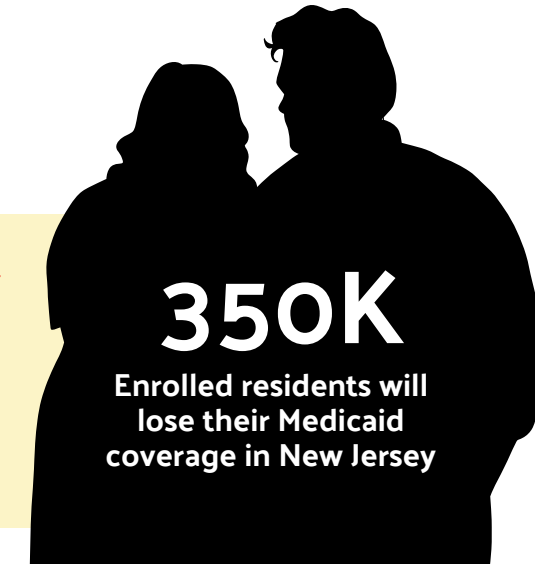
Stepping Up to Meet the Drastic Changes to National Healthcare Policy

During this period of extraordinary uncertainty in healthcare, BVMI remains committed to serving Bergen County residents who will be impacted by these changes. BVMI is the critical safety net that hundreds of people rely on every year for free healthcare.

The New Jersey Department of Health estimates that, statewide, one in five people enrolled in Medicaid today will lose their benefits. This will spell disaster for many area families.

Even though some changes won't take place for another year, the effects will be felt almost immediately. People will find it increasingly difficult to access or retain coverage through the ACA marketplace when subsidies sunset at the end of the year, leaving thousands of our neighbors without health insurance. Hospitals are already tightening their financial belts in anticipation of what's to come.

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The current political landscape is concerning and this is one thing I can do to support the health of society.
– BVMI Volunteer



Every volunteer and staff member at BVMI is committed to making healthcare accessible to those who may soon lose coverage. But to have the necessary resources, we need your help now.

We urge you to join our team of volunteers, become a donor, share BVMI's story with friends, or all of the above! Together, we can continue to make a powerful impact in our Bergen County community and embody our belief that healthcare is a right, not a privilege.

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Our patients are so appreciative of the care we provide. I see firsthand the importance of our work and the changes we make in our patients' lives.
– BVMI Volunteer

Our Dedicated Volunteers: The Heartbeat of BVMI



Mitchell Rubinoff, MD
Dr. Mitchell Rubinoff says that “In these times of turmoil, I feel I am doing something important to help others. BVMI is a great place to volunteer, with an extraordinary support staff.”



George Reskakis, DDS
Retired dentist Dr. George Reskakis helps in many ways—assembling furniture for our new Garfield clinic, leading hikes for participants in our Diabetes Prevention Program, scribing, and educating our providers on oral health.



Kristi and Brian Izzo
Hackensack residents Kristi and Brian Izzo make it a family affair, she by helping with administrative tasks and he with facility upkeep.



Scan to read their volunteer profiles:
[BVMI.org/Volunteer-Medical-General](https://www.bvmi.org/Volunteer-Medical-General)

DONATE

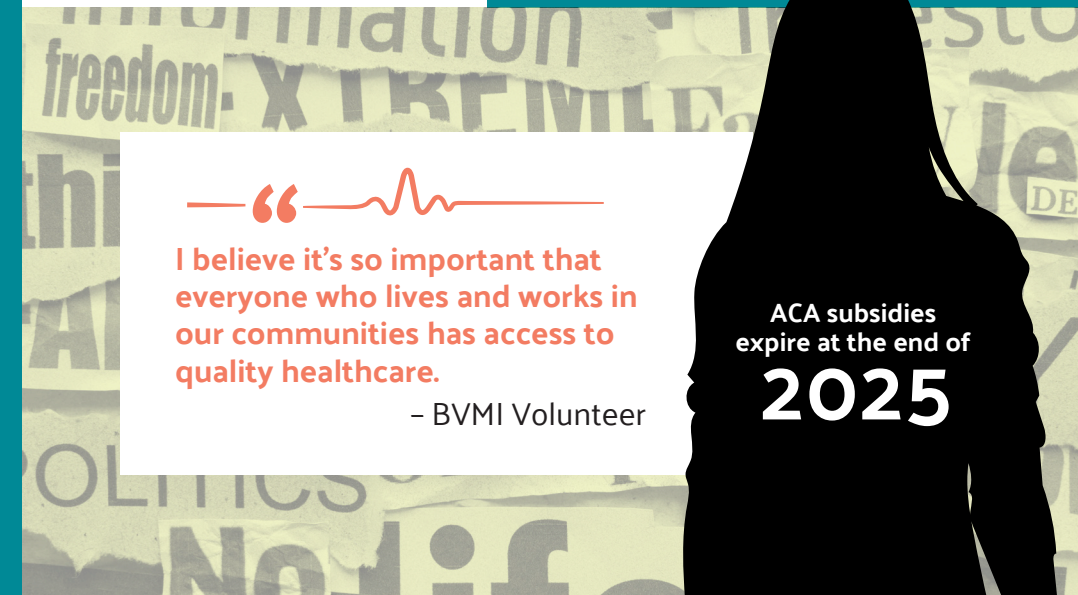
Become a monthly sustaining donor, step up to a naming opportunity, make a gift in memory or honor of a loved one, or give whatever you can, when you can. Every dollar helps keep the doors open and the lights on, provides staffing to recruit volunteers and provide patient care, and ensures that BVMI is able to serve more people who desperately need healthcare.

Scan to Donate



SPREAD THE WORD

Please tell your family, friends and colleagues about BVMI's mission to provide free, high-quality healthcare to Bergen County's working uninsured adults. While our new Garfield clinic will greatly expand our capacity to provide care, it also means we need more volunteers and more financial support. “**I volunteer to be of service, to help teach health promotion and disease prevention behaviors. I volunteer because I am a nurse and that's what nurses do!**” – BVMI Volunteer



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I believe it's so important that everyone who lives and works in our communities has access to quality healthcare.

– BVMI Volunteer

Join us for the
BVMI
LEGENDS
LUNCHEON

A History Built by Legends
A Future Inspired by Their Legacy

October 29, 2025
Wednesday
11:30 AM – 2:30 PM



Season's Catering
Township of Washington
New Jersey

Open Bar, Lunch, Legacy Giving Moment, Raffle & Awards

MEET OUR 2025 HONOREES



Howard Lipton, DO
Associate Medical Director

Dale DeAngelis Mottola
Administrative Director

Arthur De Simone, MD
Medical Director

Michelle Kaye, MSN, RN
Director of Nursing &
Clinical Services

This year, in place of our traditional Anniversary Gala, we're proud to introduce the very first Legends Luncheon—a heartfelt celebration honoring four extraordinary individuals whose vision and dedication helped bring BVMI to life. Their legacy not only shaped our past but is now guiding us into a new chapter, as BVMI expands healthcare access across the county.



For tickets go to:
BVMI.org/Legends-Luncheon

Support the Safety Net: Here's How You Can Help BVMI

As we prepare for hundreds of new patients, we need more volunteers! On our wishlist: an endocrinologist, a podiatrist, and primary care providers.

You can see our full list of volunteer opportunities (both clinical and administrative) and learn how you can join our team of generous individuals who give of themselves to help us fulfill our mission.



Scan to learn more or go to:
BVMI.org/Volunteer-Medical-General

“I can use my skills for an organization whose values I wholeheartedly support. Volunteering at BVMI checks all the boxes for me. I use my skills, I feel appreciated, and I enjoy the time I spend here!”

– BVMI Volunteer



Mission: Powered by passionate volunteers, BVMI delivers free, high-quality healthcare to Bergen County's working uninsured, helping them live healthy, productive lives.

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