

FACT SHEET ON CUTS TO VETERANS' SERVICES

In 2023, **one in four veterans** lived in a household receiving federal assistance through SNAP, Medicaid, or CHIP.

The Reconciliation Bill Jeopardizes Programs our Veterans Rely On

SNAP: About **1.2 million veterans** live in households that receive food assistance through the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)

Medicaid: **1.6 million veterans** are enrolled in Medicaid. Approximately **3.4 million** children of veterans rely on Medicaid.

How would work requirements laws impact SNAP services for veterans?

Work requirements, also known as paperwork requirements, would place vulnerable veterans at greater risk of losing access to food assistance, increasing food insecurity for older veterans and veterans with disabilities.

Economic Costs:

In FY 2023, the average SNAP benefit for people enrolled was approximately **\$2,543 per year**. If veterans lose access to food assistance, economic insecurity will grow.

DOGE Cuts to VA Staff

The Department of Veterans Affairs will slash more than **80,000 jobs** to meet President Donald Trump's executive order for downsizing the federal government.

DOGE Cuts Take Away Jobs from Vets

The Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE) has instituted policies that have led to massive layoffs, taking well-paying, stable jobs away from our veterans. The federal government is the **biggest employer of veterans** in the country, employing more than 635,000 veterans, with over half identifying as disabled.

Housing

The Trump Administration plans to eliminate the Veteran Assistance Servicing Purchase (VASP) program, which will lead to home foreclosures for at least **60,000 veterans**.

Human Impact

"Both my wife and I have cancer. My cancer is Agent Orange related. Cuts and delays are affecting our treatment. Over the course of my treatment, I have had six oncologists and three GP's. My wife was diagnosed last week after a hysterectomy. The ENTIRE LOGISTICS TEAM at VA Togus Medical Center in Augusta, ME was fired. We are receiving delays in our medications."

-Veteran in Maine

"Without the services the VA offers, I will become a statistic and it terrifies me that the current administration does not care about the wellbeing of those of us who need it most."

-Veteran in Minnesota

What else could Trump do with the \$45 million he is spending on the military parade?



Keep SNAP benefits for **20,000 veterans** who could lose access to care under the reconciliation bill.



Ensure **434 veterans** working for the VA get to keep their jobs.