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HOOSIER HEALTHCARE DAY OF ACTION: HOOSIERS ACROSS THE STATE CALL FOR INCREASED HEALTHCARE AFFORDABILITY

Indianapolis, IN—In response to Indiana's growing healthcare affordability crisis, Hoosiers from all walks of life and across the state will join together on Tuesday, January 20th for a Hoosier Healthcare Day of Action at Indiana's General Assembly. At a press conference, a diverse group of Hoosiers will share their experiences and call on their legislators to take action to address the medical debt crisis, improve access and affordability of healthcare and dental care, and ensure healthcare workers are paid their fair share.

From skyrocketing insurance premiums to unexpected bills, Medicaid red tape, and hospital closures, too many Hoosiers face too many barriers to getting and affording healthcare. [Surveys](#) demonstrate that more than half of all Hoosiers have reported delaying or going without health or dental care due to cost. In Indiana, [nearly 1 in 5 Hoosiers](#) suffer under the weight of medical debt in collections. In 2026, marketplace healthcare premiums in Indiana have spiked [on average 20.5%](#), and in some cases more than doubled in 2026. Recent federal and state cuts to Indiana's Medicaid programs threaten to further exacerbate our healthcare crisis, and put the independence and wellbeing of Hoosiers with disabilities especially at risk.

What: Press Conference

When: Tuesday, January 20th 10:40 am -11:15 am

Where: Indiana Statehouse, 3rd floor Atrium North

Confirmed Speakers:

- Rabbi Dr. Aaron Spiegel, Greater Indiana Multifaith Alliance
- Rev. Gabe Pfefer, Park Christian Church of New Albany
- Breanna Gary, Bedford Indiana Mom and Medicaid storyteller
- Peggy Frame, Executive Director for Southeast Community Services
- Zach Greenwood, SEIU Healthcare Indiana worker at Methodist Hospital in Gary
- Alonda Jackson, SEIU Healthcare Indiana home care worker from Michigan City
- Joe Burgess, Morgan County Medicaid Member
- Tracey Hutchings-Goetz, Hoosier Action Healthcare Organizer
- Deborah Fisher, Indiana Community Action Poverty Institute
- Lauren Murfree, Indiana Community Action Poverty Institute