

The Impact of Enhanced Premium Tax Credits in Massachusetts



More than 337,000 Massachusetts residents will see increased health care costs if enhanced premium tax credits expire.

Enhanced premium tax credits are scheduled to end in December 2025. These tax credits provide more middle-class families across the Commonwealth with access to affordable coverage, financial security, and improved quality of life.

If enhanced tax credits expire:

Based on rate data for 2026 finalized in September 2025, Health Connector residents will see significantly higher premiums if the tax credits are not extended.



\$425 million

Annual loss of federal premium tax credits to residents



26,000

Number of enrollees who would no longer receive any federal premium tax credits



\$1,364

Average loss in federal premium tax credits per person per year



1 in 4

Self-employed individuals represent one-quarter of enrollees who will lose access to federal premium tax credits

A lifeline for Massachusetts residents:

As a result of the enhanced premium tax credits, the Health Connector has seen enrollment increase to the highest level in its 19-year history. More people than ever are getting help paying for coverage. As a result, Massachusetts continues to lead the nation in health insurance coverage rates.



383,000

People enrolled in individual coverage through the Health Connector in September 2025



44%

Increase in Health Connector enrollment since enhanced tax credits started in March 2021



87%

Percent of enrollees getting help paying for their coverage



97%

Massachusetts' insured rate



How do tax credits help?



Our quality of life is much improved by our health insurance plan through ConnectorCare. I don't know how we would afford the cost of living without it.

- Health Connector member