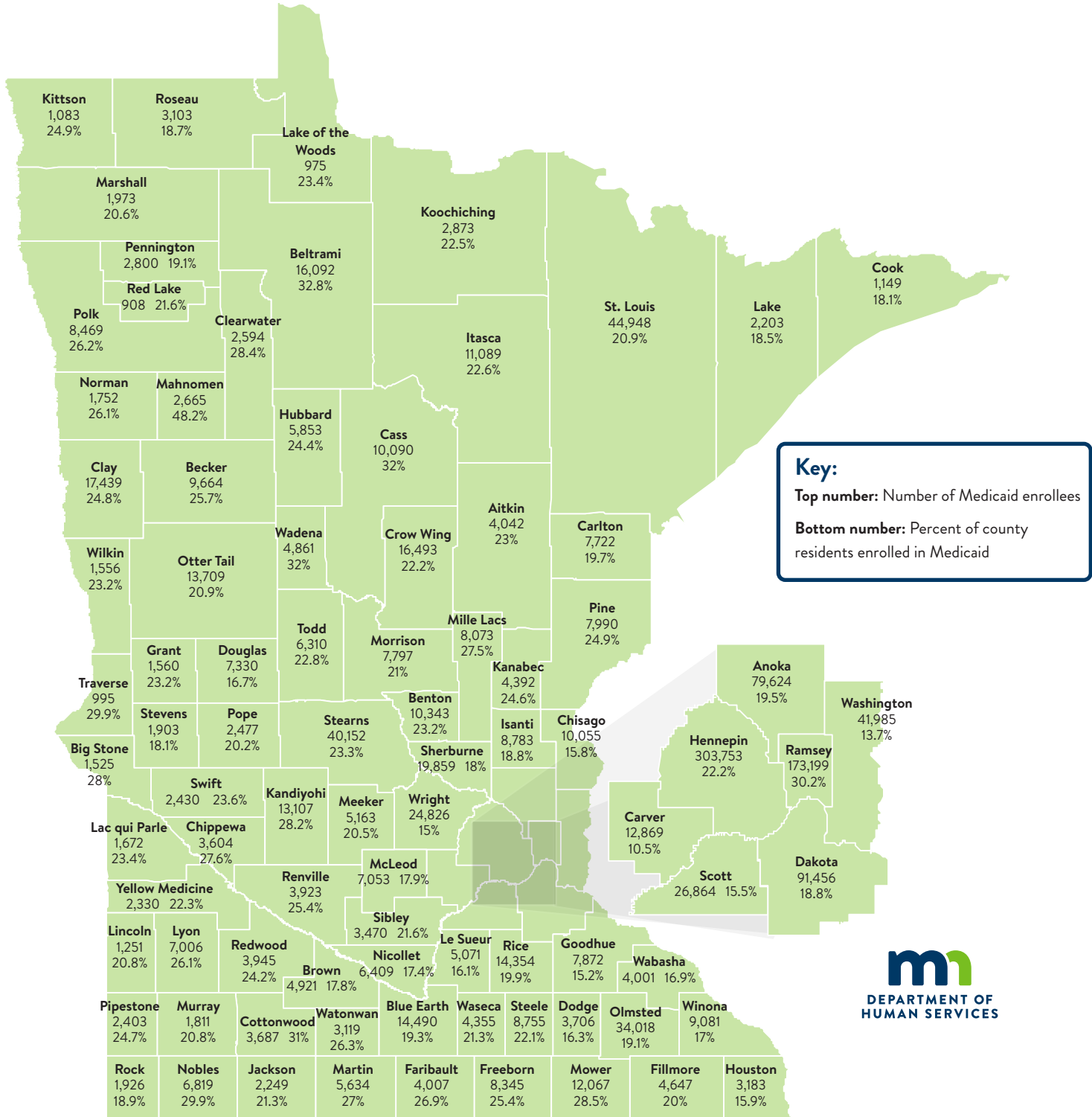


# Federal funding losses hurt Minnesota

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services has taken action to withhold \$515 million and defer \$260 million from Minnesota’s Medicaid program, called Medical Assistance. Should both of these actions move forward for four quarters in a year, they would total approximately \$3.1 billion in Medical Assistance funds. This comes on top of the significant Medicaid cuts contained in the federal reconciliation bill (Public Law 119-21).

With these actions, the federal government could force state lawmakers into difficult decisions on health care access for more than 1.2 million Minnesotans. Minnesota’s budget reserve cannot legally be used to cover reduced federal funding. These maps demonstrate the impact of \$3.1 billion.



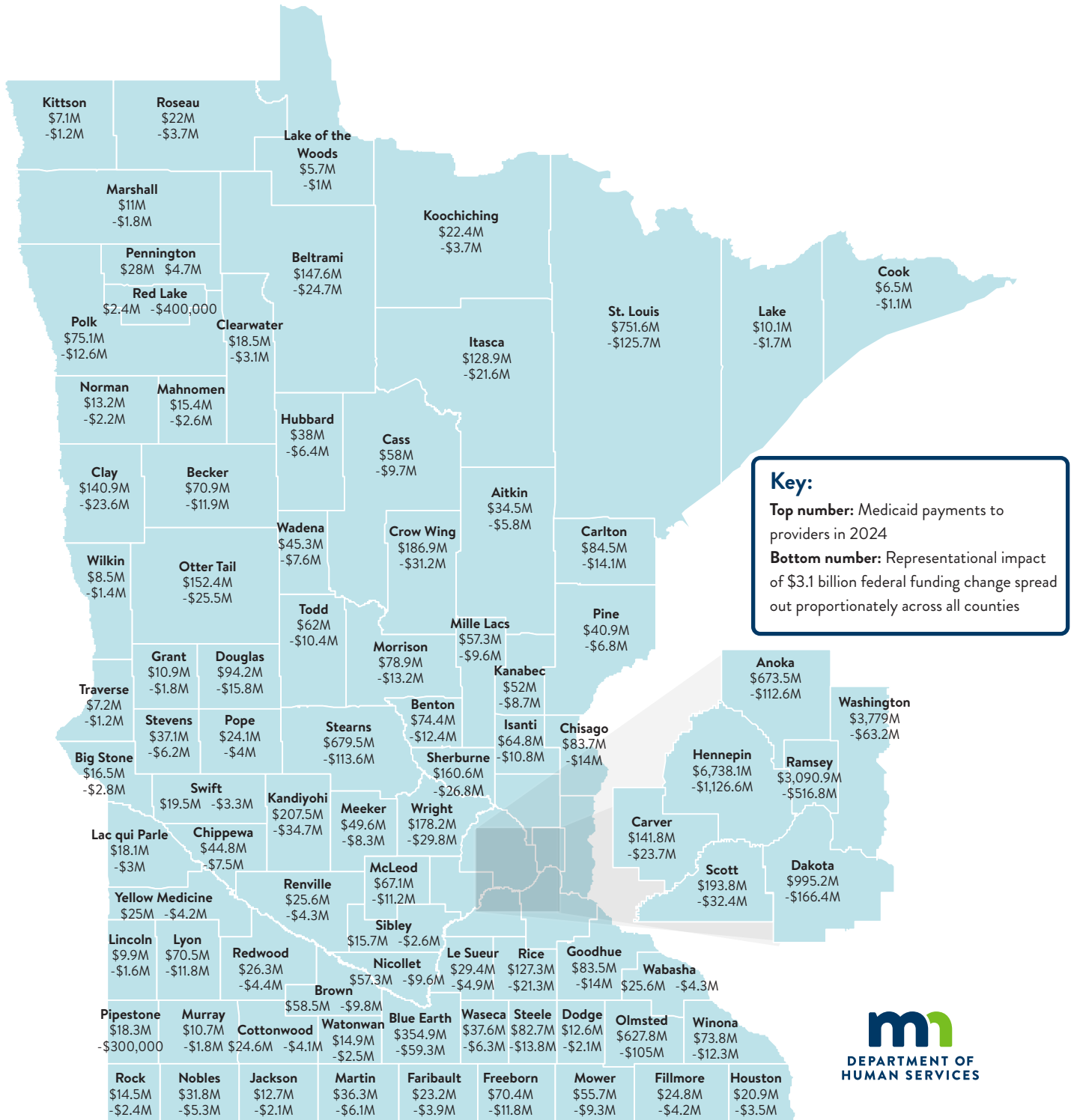
Source: Department of Human Services [mn.gov/dhs/who-medicaid-and-minnesotacare-serves](https://mn.gov/dhs/who-medicaid-and-minnesotacare-serves)



# These federal actions could hurt health care providers

Medicaid contributes significantly to the financial viability of many Minnesota health care providers, including hospitals, mental health centers, home care, community clinics, and nursing homes. Medicaid funding losses – even if temporary – could increase uncompensated care for these providers. Those costs eventually get passed along to all health care consumers or cause such financial strain that facilities close – affecting access to care for everyone. While the situation is dire, health care providers will continue to be reimbursed for Medicaid services as required under state and federal law.

## Medicaid provider payments by county and potential impact of \$3.1 billion funding withhold and deferral



Assumptions in map data: The deferral of \$260 million in Minnesota’s Medicaid payments announced by CMS Feb. 25 is multiplied by four quarters, totaling \$1.1 billion, and combines with the \$2 billion withhold in Minnesota’s Medicaid payments announced by CMS Jan. 6. This total \$3.1 billion withhold and deferral are spread proportionately across each county based on their provider payments. Totals are rounded to nearest hundred thousands place.

