Proposed Federal Medicaid Cuts: What They Would Mean to New York and What Can You Do?

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Agenda

- Relevant Provisions of the Reconcilation Bill (aka, H.R. 1 or The "One Big Beautiful Bill Act")
- The Budget Reconciliation Process
 - Passage in the House
 - The Senate
 - Back to the House
- Advocating with New York's Delegation
- Resources

Medicaid 101: New York

- New York's Population
 - 19M people total
 - Over 7M New Yorker's are on Medicaid
 - 50% of New York's children are on Medicaid
- New York Medicaid
 - Spends more than any other State and more per person
 - \$44B in State spending, with the federal match, the program spends about \$123B total (including the Essential Plan)

Relevant Sections of the Reconciliation Bill

Reconciliation Bill – Relevant Provisions

Closing the Loophole in the MCO Tax

- Basis for new Medicaid spending in recently enacted State budget
- \$1.6 billion in lost revenue for NYS

10% reduction in Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP) for expansion populations

• \$1B loss for NYS

Increased expenses resulting in tightening eligibility rules and implementing work requirement for non-disabled adults.

• \$570M cost for NYS

Reconciliation Bill – Relevant Provisions

- Adding layers to Medicaid expansion such as mandatory work reporting requirements and mandatory six-month eligibility redeterminations
- Potentially severe financial penalties to force states to add red tape for all Medicaid beneficiaries, including children, seniors, and people with disabilities in order to reduce enrollment among eligible individuals
- Restricting eligibility for long-term services and supports including nursing home care by capping home equity limits
- Limiting retroactive eligibility from 90 days to 30 days, which currently protects families from medical debt and ensures that providers are reimbursed for providing timely necessary care

Significant cuts to Medicaid through this bill, will force New York state to review all programs funded by Medicaid.

Budget Reconcilation Process

H.R. 1 ("One Big Beautiful Bill") Senate is aiming for a July 4 vote deadline

Senate Considerations

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Increases the state and local tax (SALT) deduction cap

Changes to eligibility requirements for Medicaid and the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, or food stamps (SNAP)

Adding work requirements that could make millions of recipients in-eligible for aid

Potential Amendments

- Changes to SALT deduction
- Some Senators want changes to Medicaid, renewable energy subsidies, and spending cut specifics
- Tax priorities
- Food Stamps (SNAP) cut impact
- Green Energy Tax Credits

Reconciliation works if the Senate amends the bill

Total of 4 Rounds of Amendments:

- 1. The bill (**House**)
- 2. The amendment(s) of the chamber that did not originate the bill (**Senate**)
- The amendment(s) of the originating chamber (House) to the amendment(s) of the other chamber (first degree) (Senate)
- 4. The amendments(s) of the other chamber (**Senate**) to the amendments of the originating chamber (second degree) (**House**)

Can be extended if voted on

Advocating with New York's Congressional Delegation

Who

- Sen. Chuck Schumer (link)
- Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand (link)

US Senate Advocacy

Why?

 Impress upon NY's Senators Schumer & Gillibrand to work with colleagues on the other side of the aisle to vote NO

US House Advocacy

Who (Links)

- Rep. Nick LaLota
- Rep. Andrew Garbarino
- Rep. Elise Stefanik
- Rep. <u>Claudia Tenney</u>

- * Rep. Nicole Malliotakis
- * Rep. Mike Lawler
- * Rep. Nick Langworthy

Why?

- The House's margins are thin, and Speaker Mike Johnson needs every vote to pass the bill with the Senate's changes
- The bill that will come from the Senate is worse than even what the House passed, removing any potential tax benefit to New Yorkers and burdening the State's Medicaid program.
- Impress New York's Republican members of Congress that a vote for the Reconciliation bill is a vote against New York.

Congressional Advocacy

How do we Contact Them?

- Phone calls
- Schedule in-district meetings
- Send emails and letters
- Speak to anyone in their office that you connect with
- Keep reaching out ... every week, every day!

NY's Senators

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What Should We say to our Legislators?

- TELL YOUR STORY! Explain your/your family's experience with I/DD – What is your day like? What services do you need? How do you/does your family depend on NYS Medicaid?
- **THANK them** for fighting to protect NYS Medicaid and for protecting your family's services.
- Make an ASK! Tell them to...
 - Keep up the fight
 - Engage their colleagues across the aisle
 - Vote NO on the "Big Beautiful Bill" and cuts to Medicaid

Tips

When speaking to legislators:

- Don't use acronyms (like OPWDD for example)
- BE SPECIFIC!
- Provide short leave-behinds summarizing the issue and ask.
- If you speak with staff instead of a legislator, that's OK! Give them the info and ask them to follow up with the legislator and get back to you.
- If you don't know the answer to a question, be honest and say you'll get back to them!

Keep raising your Voice:

- Attend a local Rally
- Post your story on social media

Resources

- H.R. 1 https://www.congress.gov/bill/119th-congress/house-bill/1/all-actions
- Voting results for H. R. 1 (Yays & Nays) or H.R. 1: One Big Beautiful Bill Act -- GovTrack.us
- ANCOR's One-Click Campaign <u>Preserve I/DD Services—Tell</u> <u>Your Senators to Protect Medicaid! | ANCOR</u>
- ANCOR's Amplifier & Advocacy Toolkit ANCOR Amplifier | ANCOR
- The Arc's One-Click Campaign <u>Tell Congress: No Medicaid or SNAP Cuts!</u>
- The Arc's Action Center Action Center
- Understanding SNAP Benefits: https://www.ny.gov/services/apply-snap
- Medicaid Matters website: Medicaid Matters | NY
- Article, Medicaid Matters to Residents in All NYS Congressional Districts: <u>Medicaid Stories</u>

THANK YOU & Keep Advocating!