

Councilor Avery introduced the following and moved its adoption:

[RESOLUTION [5-5-2023]]

WHEREAS, The SFY 2023-24 State Budget proposal would end the Affordable Care Act (ACA) enhanced Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (eFMAP) federal pass-thru to counties and New York City; and

WHEREAS, The State is proposing to keep all of these federal savings going forward and use them to cover further expansions of Medicaid eligibility and benefits and to increase payments to health care providers; and

WHEREAS, The elimination of this ACA eFMAP federal pass-thru will require the 57 counties to spend at least \$280 million more in SFY 2024, and approximately \$1 billion when New York City is included; and

WHEREAS, This mandated cost shift will occur after Oswego County has already adopted its 2023 budget, and will cause an estimated \$3.1 million property tax increase in 2024, increasing the tax levy by 7%; and

WHEREAS, The SFY 2024 costs to counties and New York City are scheduled to grow by 30 percent by SFY 2027; and

WHEREAS, The US Congress intended these federal savings to be shared with counties proportional to the amount they contributed toward the nonfederal Medicaid match, and the State has done so since 2003, and

WHEREAS, Since 2003, the state has shared the funds proportionally based on the New York State Association of Counties' (NYSAC) analysis of savings received during periods when an enhanced federal Medicaid match was enacted by Congress; and

WHEREAS, Enacted in 2011, the Medicaid statutory cap for all 62 counties is \$7.6 billion. The Medicaid statutory cap for the 57 counties outside of New York City is \$2.25 billion; and

WHEREAS, Starting in SFY 2014, New York began sharing these federal ACA savings directly with counties. The savings for each year were provided by lowering the weekly payments each county and NYC make to the state to support the State's Medicaid program. Through February 1, 2023, the state continues to share the federal savings from the ACA eFMAP with the 57 counties and New York City, and

WHEREAS, The City of Fulton Common Council strongly disagrees with the need to cut county funding so deeply when the Governor's budget proposes to fully fund its own reserves two years ahead of schedule by depositing \$5.4 billion into reserves before the end of SFY 2023, while also projecting a general fund surplus of \$35 billion by end of SFY 2024.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the City of Fulton Common Council calls on the State to continue to share these federal funds with counties as has been the precedent for over 20 years; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City Clerk/Chamberlain shall forward certified copies of this resolution to the Governor of the State of New York, Assembly Minority Leader Will Barclay, State Senators Mark Walczyk and John Mannion, US Senate Majority Leader Charles Schumer, Senator Kirsten Gillibrand, Congresswoman Claudia Tenney, and the New York State Association of Counties.

Seconded by Councilor Parkhurst

Ayes: Councilors Farfaglia, Chapman, Patrick, Parkhurst, Avery, Macner

Nays:

Motion carried.

State of New York  
County of Oswego ss:  
City of Fulton

I, Jodi B. Corsoniti, City Clerk/Chamberlain of the City of Fulton, New York do hereby certify that I have compared the foregoing copy of this resolution with the original in my possession and that the same is a true and complete transcript thereof. I further certify that said resolution was adopted at a meeting of the Common Council of the City of Fulton held on the 7th day of March 2023.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and seal of the City of Fulton, New York on the 8th day of March 2023.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jodi B. Corsoniti". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Jodi B. Corsoniti - City Clerk/Chamberlain