



RECOMMENDATION

Remove Part R of the Health and Mental Hygiene Article VII language from the Final Budget, and the accompanying \$150 million cost shift to local taxpayers.

Counties oppose efforts to alter the local Medicaid cost control caps that have helped keep local taxes under the cap.

SFY 21 EXECUTIVE BUDGET PROPOSAL

This year's Executive Budget proposal includes three separate initiatives, referred to collectively as "Medicaid Local District Spending Reforms" that would impact the Medicaid local share county taxpayers pay in support of the state Medicaid program.

- 1. Cap eFMAP Federal Fiscal Benefits to Counties** — Caps the amount of federal savings for counties and New York City from the Affordable Care Act. As proposed, the savings would be transferred to the benefit of the state financial plan.
- 2. Require Counties and NYC to adhere to the 2% Property Tax Cap** or lose the savings from the state-funded local Medicaid growth cap.
- 3. Adhere to a Local Share Medicaid Costs Increase of No More than 3%** — If a county's local share and associated savings exceeds 3% in any given year, the county is required to refund any excess benefit over 3% back to the state.

For more information, visit www.nysac.org/medicaid or call 518-465-1473 to speak to Dave Lucas, NYSAC Director of Finance and Intergovernmental Affairs.

WHY IT MATTERS

New Yorkers are at risk of paying higher taxes or losing vital services under the Medicaid proposal in this year's Executive Budget.

If counties are forced to shoulder more of the cost of Medicaid, they'll have no choice but to **increase property taxes, reduce staff, or make cuts to services**, including:

- Veterans' services,
- Meals on Wheels and other senior services,
- Youth services,
- STOP-DWI initiatives,
- Road maintenance and repair, and
- Public libraries.

THE TRUE COST OF THIS PROPOSAL

Based on recent Medicaid data, the average annual cost of the 3% proposal would be **\$162 million for county taxpayers outside of NYC.**

\$162 MILLION EQUALS

- Salaries of **2,900 county employees** each year
- **Public defender services** for a full year across all counties
- 11 months of **Early Intervention Services** for all counties
- A full year of home delivered **meals for 58,700 seniors**
- **One-third** of annual county community college costs
- **3 months of pre-school special education** services for all counties
- Funding for **half of all culture and recreation activities**

COUNTIES ARE UNITED

Any state Medicaid proposal must protect local services, local taxpayers and keep the current cost control caps in place!

