



NYSAC TALKING POINTS

State and Local Impact of Congress's Proposed Cuts to Medicaid and SNAP

Core Message

The cuts to Medicaid and SNAP contained in the proposed House budget will be devastating for New Yorkers and New York's local governments.

They will strip coverage from over 2 million New Yorkers and drain billions in critical funding from our counties.

These proposals will devastate local health care, force property tax hikes, and overwhelm public services across the state.

New York's Congressional Delegation **must** Stand Up for NY and reject the proposed Medicaid and SNAP cuts.

Topline Talking Points

1. **Massive Loss of Coverage and Federal Funding**

- Over **1.4 million New Yorkers** are projected to lose health insurance due to proposed Medicaid changes.
- More than **730,000 individuals** will lose access to New York's Essential Plan.
- This equates to **\$13.5 billion in annual federal funding losses** for New York State and counties.

2. **SNAP Cuts Compound the Crisis**

- The proposed SNAP changes would shift the funding burden dramatically—from 50/50 federal-state to 25/75—costing the state an additional **\$2.1 billion annually**.
- Counties, already financially stretched, will shoulder major **administrative and fiscal burdens**.

3. **Unmanageable Local Impact**

- The only realistic local options to backfill these cuts are **major property tax increases** or **cutting critical services**.
- County governments be forced to choose between slashing essential services or raising local taxes on residents who are already feeling the pinch from inflation.

Healthcare System Fallout

4. Hospitals and Providers at Risk

- Safety-net hospitals will face **\$1.3 billion in uncompensated care costs** annually.
- Closure of community health centers and loss of local physicians will create **healthcare deserts**, especially in **rural counties**.
- These closures will have **ripple effects** across local economies—eliminating jobs and reducing access to care.

5. Public Health and Economic Consequences

- Emergency service costs will spike as uninsured residents turn to ERs.
- Delayed care leads to **worse outcomes and greater long-term costs**.
- Loss of healthcare jobs will harm local economies and increase demand for county services.

Unfair and Disproportionate Impact on New York

6. New York Should Not Bear the Brunt

- These cuts **disproportionately impact New York**, which already contributes more in federal taxes than it receives.
- No other state is being asked to assume this scale of cost-shifting.

7. Counties Cannot Sustain the Administrative Burden

- New work requirements and eligibility rules will **increase county administrative costs by 20% or more**.
- Local departments of social services are already stretched thin and **lack the staff or systems** to manage this scale of change.

Call to Action for Congress

8. New York's Congressional Delegation must Stand Up for NY and reject the proposed Medicaid and SNAP cuts.

- **Amend the Reconciliation Package** to ensure it protects the 19.5 million New Yorkers and 62 counties from catastrophic funding cuts.

9. Work with Counties and Stakeholders

- Involve counties and healthcare providers in any redesign of Medicaid or SNAP programs.
- Avoid one-size-fits-all reforms that ignore **state and local realities**.

10. Reject Unfunded Mandates

- Do not pass the cost of federal reforms to counties taxpayers who are already under financial strain.