



To the Members of the New York State Congressional Delegation:

Our broad coalition of business, providers, consumers, labor and civic organizations is outraged at the cuts contained in the reconciliation bill passed at the beginning of July. Millions of consumers in our state face the loss of their health insurance beginning as soon as January, whether because of steep cost increases or because of exclusions based on their legal immigration status.

There is now a \$1 billion hole in the approved FY 25-26 state Medicaid budget which must be addressed. Providers will not only see steep increases in uncompensated care but are likely to lose the supplemental funding that helps keep their doors open. Our healthcare system will become more fragile, endangering access to care to New Yorkers whether or not they are Medicaid beneficiaries.

We are deeply disappointed in all those who supported this law. The residents of our state would be infinitely better off without the trillion dollars in health care cuts approved at the beginning of July. While the damage cannot be fully undone, we ask that you take every possible step to mitigate the immediate impact on New Yorkers.

Specifically, we ask that you vigorously advocate for:

1. A transition period for New York to replace its income from the MCO tax approved in 2024, as other states are provided.
2. An extension of the enhanced premium tax credits under the Affordable Care Act, without which many New Yorkers will face up to 50% increases in their health insurance premiums.

3. Any administrative or legislative actions which would delay the January 1, 2026, exclusion of low-income legal immigrants from advanced premium tax credits.
4. Any administrative flexibility to New York State that would lessen the state costs and administrative burden required to implement new eligibility and verification rules for Medicaid and Affordable Care Act coverage.

Sincerely,

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Center for Independence of the Disabled, New York (CIDNY)
Citizens' Committee for Children of New York
Civil Service Employees Association
Coalition for Asian American Children and Families
Coalition of New York State Public Health Plans
Community Service Society of NY
Greater New York Hospital Association
Inter Agency Council of Developmental Disability Agencies, Inc.
Leading Age New York
Make the Road New York
Medicaid Matters New York
Medicare Rights Center
New York State AFL-CIO
New York State Council for Community Behavioral Healthcare
New York State Nurses Association
Small Business Majority
The Arc New York
United Way of New York State