

# EPIC Program Changes - 2011

Governor Cuomo proposed approximately \$58 million cuts to the EPIC Plan in the Executive Budget proposal for State Fiscal Year 2011-2012. The cuts would have resulted in only providing coverage for costs of drugs in the Medicare “donut hole,” eliminating payments for Part D premiums & deductibles and ending wraparound coverage.

## ADVOCACY WORKS!!!

*After testimony, press conferences and lobbying efforts, budget negotiations resulted in partial restoration (\$22 Million) of EPIC funding.*

EPIC Program	EPIC Final Enacted Budget April 1, 2011	
Current (Through June 30, 2011)	Phase 1 Implementation (July 1 – December 31, 2011)	Phase 2 Implementation (January 1, 2012)
EPIC has two tiers of coverage.	No change in tier income eligibility.	EPIC will be a single tier.
<b>FEE PLAN</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Single seniors income \$20,000 or less</li> <li>▪ Married couples income \$26,000 or less               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Payment of \$38.69/mo. directly to members Part D plan</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	No change in Fee Plan	EPIC will be free, with no fees or deductibles.  EPIC will pay Part D premiums, UP TO the average benchmark plan premium for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Single seniors income \$23,000 or less</li> <li>▪ Married couples income \$29,000 or less</li> </ul>
<b>DEDUCTIBLE PLAN</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Single seniors incomes \$20,001 – \$35,000</li> <li>▪ Married couples incomes \$26,001 - \$50,000</li> <li>▪ Up to \$464 deductible credit</li> </ul>	<b>DEDUCTIBLE PLAN</b> No change in tier income eligibility. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Eliminates deductible credit; thereby increasing out-of-pocket costs by up to \$464.</li> <li>▪ New – Payment of up to \$38.69/mo. directly to member’s Part D plan for:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Single seniors income \$20,001 - \$23,000</li> <li>○ Married couple income \$26,001 - \$29,000</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Eliminates DEDUCTIBLE PLAN
Most enrollees must join a Medicare Part D plan, with EPIC paying Part D plan premiums and deductibles.	No Change	Every enrollee must join a Medicare Part D plan, NO exceptions.
EPIC subsidies prevent prescription co-pays greater than \$20 in the Fee Plan OR after having met deductible.	No Change	EPIC will ONLY provide secondary coverage in the “donut hole.”