

Medicaid in New York

- Public insurance coverage for low-income people and people with disabilities
- Covers long term services and supports for people over 65
- Covers approximately 6 ½ million New Yorkers
- Comprises over 1/3 of the overall state budget
- Provides comprehensive benefits
- Funds the delivery system

Overall Medicaid advocacy perspective

- Medicaid Redesign Team is window dressing
- Countering rhetoric that frames Medicaid as a problem
- Reinforcing the importance of Medicaid
- Opposition to the Medicaid global cap
- Significant concern regarding Governor's budget powers and authority

Issues of concern and interest

- Reach greater equity, promote racial justice
- Secure long-term services and supports
- Enhance oversight in Medicaid Managed Care and strengthen consumer protections
- Eliminate the Medicaid global cap
- Oppose Local Share changes to ensure “statewideness”
- Ensure Medicaid and other public funds for the health care system are distributed in ways that promote access rather than padding pockets
- Raise revenue to avoid future cuts

Resources and opportunities

- Materials (to be provided to participants):
 - Albany Times Union op-ed, March 2020
 - “Coronavirus and Beyond”
- Medicaid Matters website:
 - www.medicaidmattersny.org
- Twitter:
 - @MedicaidMtrsNY
 - #MedicaidMatters #NoMedicaidCuts #ProtectMedicaid