

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 over 7 million New Yorkers
- Comprises over 1/3 of the overall state budget
- Provides comprehensive benefits
- Funds the delivery system

Medicaid advocates' perspective

- Counter rhetoric that frames Medicaid as a problem and reinforce the importance of Medicaid to people
- Reach greater health equity, promote justice
- Honor and enforce the right to independent living; enhance home- and community-based services (HCBS)
- Protect access to coverage and services when the federal public health emergency ends
- Oppose the Medicaid global cap
- Support universal coverage

2022 advocacy opportunities

- Expand Medicaid eligibility
- Advance consumer/community interests in the new Medicaid waiver
- Repeal restrictive Managed Long Term Care provisions
- Support the community-based long term care workforce (Fair Pay for Home Care)
- Ensure community involvement in health care facilities mergers, closures, etc.

Eligibility equity

Expand Medicaid eligibility for older adults and people with disabilities

- Raise income eligibility from 84% to 138% FPL
- Eliminate the asset limit (\$15,900)
- Increase income limit for the Medicare Savings Program from 100% to 200% FPL

<https://medicaidmattersny.org/advocates-urge-governor-to-include-eligibility-equity-in-the-executive-budget/>

Thank you!

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