

Inter-County Association of Western New York

Representing the Counties of Allegany, Cattaraugus, Cayuga, Chautauqua, Chemung, Erie, Genesee, Livingston, Monroe, Niagara, Ontario, Orleans, Schuylers, Seneca, Steuben, Tompkins, Wayne, Wyoming, and Yates.

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-6-IC

RESOLUTION CALLING ON THE STATE OF NEW YORK TO RELEASE ENHANCED FEDERAL MEDICAID MATCHING FUNDS TO COUNTIES AND NEW YORK CITY

Offered by: the Inter-County Association of Western New York

WHEREAS, in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, Congress has enacted extraordinary measures to help states and localities with increased costs and lost revenues; and

WHEREAS, a key action enacted by the Federal Government was a 6.2 percent increase in the Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP); and

WHEREAS, Congress has used this mechanism to provide fiscal relief to states and their local government Medicaid funding partners to reduce the financial burden they often experience in an economic downturn; and

WHEREAS, counties and New York City are struggling with higher costs responding to COVID-19 and experiencing extensive revenue declines due to the shutdown of large swaths of the economy; and

WHEREAS, we project that each quarter of enhanced FMAP funding is worth hundreds of millions of dollars for counties and New York City, now, therefore be it

RESOLVED:

1. That the Inter-County Association of Western New York is respectfully requesting financial assistance through federal FMAP monies by reducing county weekly Medicaid payments retroactive to January 1, 2020, to provide some partial fiscal relief to the current conditions.

2. That the Inter-County Association of Western New York also respectfully request that the State provide a timeline to all counties on the release of the enhanced federal Medicaid matching funds related to the Affordable Care Act "reconciliation funds" that have been withheld for over three years and the likely mechanism on how these funds will be delivered to counties and New York City.

3. That the Inter-County Association of Western New York Secretary is directed to send a certified copy of this resolution to state representatives and all others deemed necessary and appropriate.

This is to Certify that I, the undersigned, Secretary of the Inter-County Association of Western New York, have compared the foregoing copy of resolution with the original resolution now on file in this office and which was duly adopted by the Association at a session held on the 8th day of May 2020 and that the same is a true copy of said original and of the whole thereof.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed the official seal of the Inter-County Association of Western New York dated May 8, 2020.



Jodi Adams, Secretary
Inter-County Association of Western New York



Sponsored by: Allegany County, Moved by: Harris (*Allegany*), Seconded by: Hebert (*Monroe*)