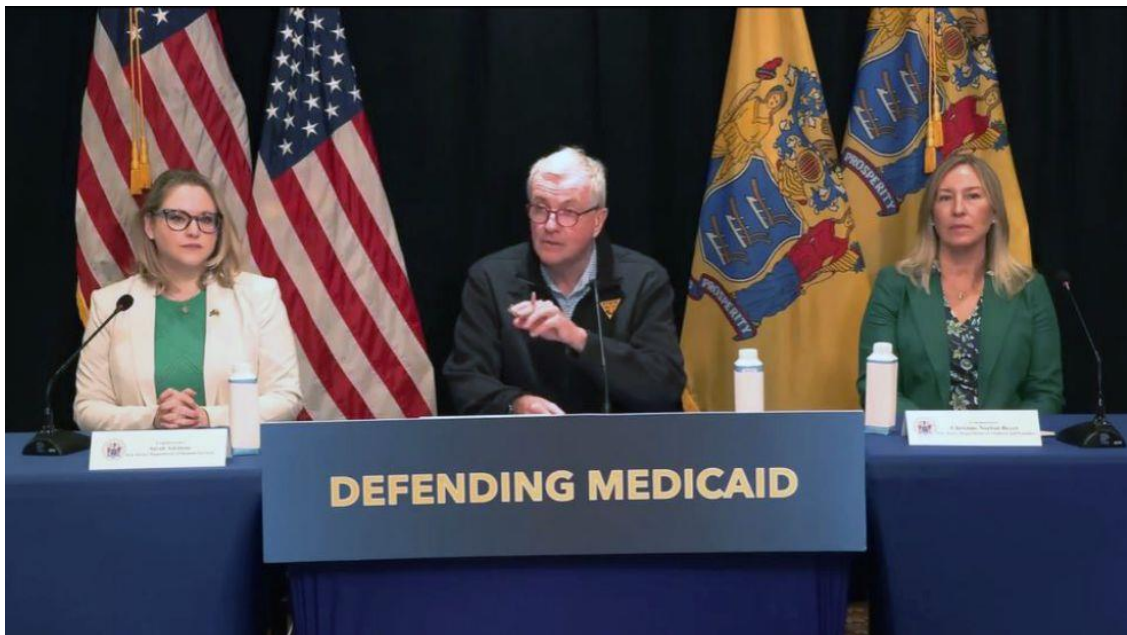


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Governor Murphy Holds Second Roundtable Discussion with Medicaid Recipients as Congress Slashes Health Care Funding

Governor Phil Murphy met with constituents of the 4th Congressional District whose lives would be negatively impacted by a U.S. House of Representatives-approved bill that cuts more than \$700 billion from Medicaid.

Joined by Human Services Commissioner Sarah Adelman, the Governor led a roundtable discussion at the Strand Theater in Lakewood with six individuals who rely on Medicaid. The Fourth Congressional District of New Jersey is represented by Congressman Chris Smith, who voted for legislation to slash Medicaid funding along with fellow Republicans in the U.S. House of Representatives.

NJ FamilyCare, New Jersey's Medicaid program, provides comprehensive health care coverage to 1.8 million New Jerseyans, including children, working families, older adults, and individuals with disabilities. This is the second roundtable hosted by the Governor to hear directly from those who would be most impacted by the Medicaid cuts being advanced at the federal level. The first roundtable was held in Westfield with constituents of 7th Congressional District.

New Jersey Human Services has modeled how the House-approved bill will impact New Jersey:

- 1 in 5 New Jerseyans currently covered by NJ FamilyCare would lose health care coverage under the plan – that's about 350,000 individuals, including half of residents covered by Medicaid expansion allowed by the Affordable Care Act.
- Their plan would force policymakers to make an inhumane choice between taking fully state-funded health care away from 46,890 children by kicking them out of NJ FamilyCare coverage or making the State pay

a \$700 million annual federal penalty that will take money out of our health care system.

- New Jersey would receive an estimated \$3.6 billion less in annual federal Medicaid funding, including cutting about \$300 million in federal funds for hospitals at a time when uncompensated care costs for hospitals for uninsured individuals will soar.
- New Jersey could lose \$12 million annually to women's health and family planning providers, which is about a third of their operating budget.

"Medicaid is a critical lifeline that has enabled millions of New Jerseyans to access everything from annual check-ups to lifesaving health care to supportive services for complex medical needs. The House Republicans' disastrous budget bill would rip away this lifeline, leaving hundreds of thousands of our residents without health coverage. This bill represents a profound betrayal of New Jersey's working families," **said Governor Phil Murphy**. "There are real-life consequences to the provisions of this bill, and they will have the biggest impact on families that are already struggling. It is shameful that Representative Chris Smith – along with his fellow Republican members of New Jersey's Congressional Delegation, Tom Kean Jr. and Jeff Van Drew – put party over people and voted in favor of cutting Medicaid funding. These elected officials bear the responsibility for the harm this bill will create in communities across our state. Our Administration will continue to do everything in our power to preserve funding and protect access to care, and we call on the Senate to fight back against these harmful cuts."

"The debate around the House of Representatives' bill has been confusing and full of false rhetoric," **said Human Services Commissioner Sarah Adelman**.

"As the person who oversees Medicaid in New Jersey, I want to be clear and honest about what it does: it cuts Medicaid coverage for hundreds of thousands

of New Jerseyans who will be left uninsured. It cuts billions of dollars in vital public health funding. It forces states to create bureaucratic steps and lengthens timeframes for people to be approved for Medicaid. It punishes New Jersey for providing health care to all children. And it will unequivocally add to the cost of our health care system. The bill has passed the House but not the Senate, so we must continue our work to protect Medicaid for all of the people whose lives and health depend on it.”

Read more [HERE](#)

Watch the Lakewood Medicaid Roundtable livestream



A [look](#) at how Medicaid cuts advanced by the House would impact New Jersey.

The House of Representatives voted to make major changes to Medicaid. Experts have analyzed the biggest changes and their impact on New Jersey:



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of enrolled residents are expected to lose NJ FamilyCare.



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Half of Expansion adults would lose NJ FamilyCare.

The vast majority would still be eligible, but will face new paperwork and other bureaucratic hurdles designed and budgeted to kick eligible people off insurance.



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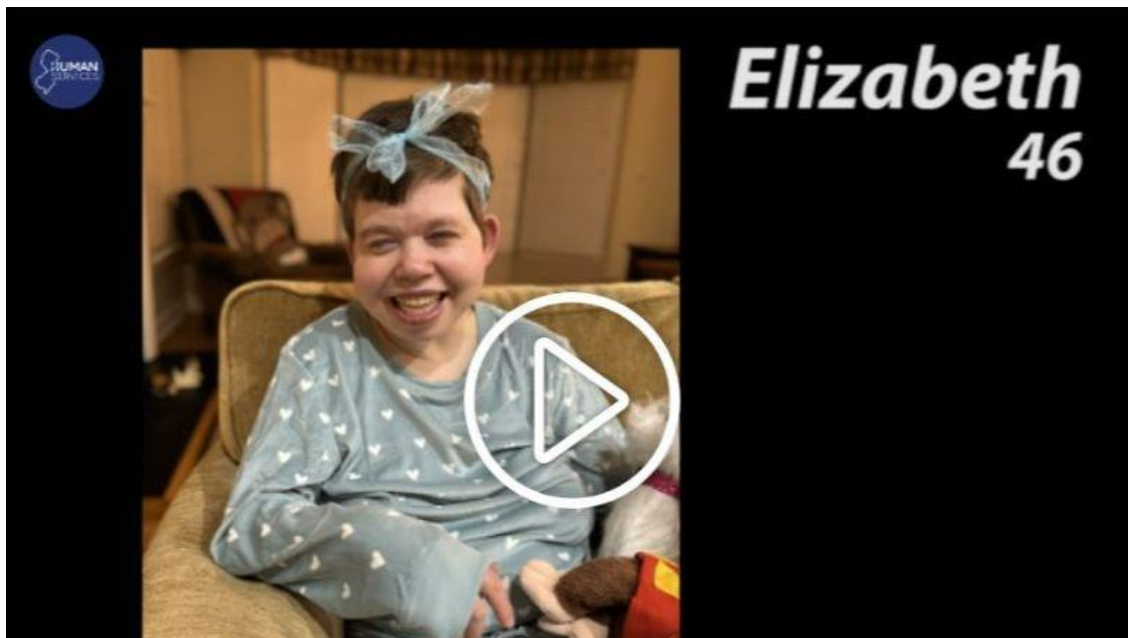
 **\$3.6 BILLION**

less in annual federal Medicaid funding than it currently receives.



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 Watch Here to Learn How Medicaid Matters



A [look](#) at how the House Republican cuts to food assistance would impact New Jersey.

The House of Representatives advanced legislation that would require states to pay a minimum of

5%

of Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) food assistance costs for the first time, while increasing state administrative costs.



In New Jersey, SNAP helps more than 800,000 people across 400,000 households afford nutritious foods.



Almost half are children



nearly 1 in 3 are individuals with a disability



1 in 5 are over the age of 60 years



When the federal government shifts costs to the state, it means the state will have to



raise taxes

OR



cut other services



Requiring New Jersey to cover 5 percent of SNAP assistance would cost

**\$100
MILLION
per year**



Increasing the state's share of SNAP administrative costs from



would require New Jersey and counties to spend another **\$100 million** each year to administer the program.





House Reconciliation Bill Shifts \$78M in Administrative Costs to New Jersey Counties

May 21, 2025

- In New Jersey, SNAP applications are processed by county social service agencies.
- SNAP administrative costs are currently reimbursed at 50% with federal funds.
- The budget reconciliation bill passed by the House Agriculture Committee decreases that reimbursement by half, leaving New Jersey's counties to foot the bill 75% of administrative costs.
- New Jersey counties were reimbursed \$156 million for SNAP administrative costs in 2024. With the proposed reduced reimbursement rate, counties will face an additional \$78 million to make up for the federal reduction.

COUNTY	ADDITIONAL ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS
Atlantic	\$2,166,000
Bergen	\$2,790,000
Burlington	\$3,206,000
Camden	\$8,215,000
Cape May	\$1,102,000
Cumberland	\$2,230,000
Essex	\$10,199,000
Gloucester	\$1,478,000
Hudson	\$6,295,000
Hunterdon	\$425,000
Mercer	\$6,458,000
Middlesex	\$4,835,000
Monmouth	\$3,031,000
Morris	\$1,871,000
Ocean	\$4,565,000
Passaic	\$6,610,000
Salem	\$799,000
Somerset	\$1,870,000
Sussex	\$551,000
Union	\$8,680,000
Warren	\$670,000
STATE TOTAL	\$78,045,000

Estimates based on CY2024 actual expenditures

A [look](#) at how the House-approved bill shifts administrative [Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program \(SNAP\)](#) food assistance costs to New Jersey counties.





New Jersey Human Services Testifies on Proposed Budget Plan, Noting Threat of Federal Cuts

New Jersey Human Services testified on its proposed budget for next fiscal year before the Senate and Assembly. Commissioner Sarah Adelman highlighted continued Murphy Administration investments in programs and services, but also noted the threat of potential Medicaid and other federal funding cuts.

“Amid these serious challenges, the Department of Human Services’ mission to serve and support New Jerseyans remains clear and we are grateful that the proposed budget continues to prioritize the critical programs and services that we provide,” **Commissioner Adelman said.**

Read the Commissioner’s testimony [HERE](#).



Congratulations to Deputy Commissioner for Aging and Disability Services Kaylee McGuire for receiving the Policy Champion award from the [Alzheimer's Association Greater New Jersey Chapter](#). Deputy Commissioner McGuire was recognized for her work advancing policies to support families, caregivers, and individuals with neurological diagnoses.



The annual Police Appreciation Ceremony was held in May to highlight Police Week 2025. This ceremony honors the men and women of the [Human Services Police Force](#) for their efforts to protect some of New Jersey's most vulnerable residents. New officers took their oaths while other officers were honored for meritorious service.





The [Department's Office of Emergency Management](#) was in attendance at the Abilities Expo at the New Jersey Exposition Center in Edison, promoting the disaster preparedness message. Also, the [Division of Disability Services](#) was on hand highlighting the many programs and services it offers for individuals with disabilities.



[Human Services Police](#) Captain Roberto Negron, Sergeant Chris LaBruna and Sergeant Jeff Raines (not in photo) successfully completed the NJSACOP Command and Leadership Academy. The academy is a rigorous 13 week program that utilizes behavioral science theories in conjunction with scenario learning to enhance leadership development and education.



[Human Services Police](#) Sergeant Marcial Martinez and Officer Ben Adam attended the annual Parade of Wreaths Ceremony that honors fallen service members and police officers.

The ceremony occurs at [Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst](#).



Team HSP, comprised of Team Captain Scott Fancher, Liam Klock, Richard Burke, Alex Bihuniak, and Anthony Torres, began a four-day ride from Spring Lake to Washington, DC. Their efforts were supported by teammate Officer Darren Smith. This journey is undertaken to honor the memory of line of duty fallen [New Jersey State Human Services](#) Police Sergeant Lawrence Bannick and Officer Wilson McLaurin.



Division of Disability Services' Traumatic Brain Injury Fund staff attended the Brain Injury Alliance of New Jersey's 43rd Annual Seminar for Professionals. Interim Executive Director Jacqueline Moskowitz offered welcome remarks.



The Division of Aging Services community outreach staff were on hand at the Woodbridge Township 2025 Mayor's Senior Summit and Older Adults Expo providing attendees with info about programs and services.

For more information visit [HERE](#).



The [Department's Office of Emergency Management](#) in coordination with the New Jersey Office of the Chief State Medical Examiner held a Family Assistance Center two-day training. Representatives from the National Transportation Safety Board and other state and federal agencies shared information with the over 50 in attendance.



Office of New Americans outreach staff distributed resources to adult literacy practitioners at Literacy New Jersey's Literacy for Life 2025, held at The College of New Jersey.





The [Office of New Americans](#) outreach staff distributed resources to families at the New Jersey PAC Wellness Fair in Newark, Family Night at Walnut Street School in Woodbury, community baby showers in Burlington and Irvington, and the Food Pantry event at The WOW Center.

SAVE THE DATE

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More information to follow



Save the Date

..... Wednesday, September 17, 2025

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Governor's May Proclamations



Mental Health Awareness Month



Crisis Professionals Day



Osteoporosis Awareness and Prevention Month



Older Americans Month



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The Plan First Program administered by NJ FamilyCare provides a full range of family planning services to men and women who do not have access through insurance. Learn more at njfamilycare.org

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May 11th- 17th was **Women's Health Week.**

The Murphy Administration is committed to improving maternal health by implementing multiple programs to improve health outcomes for all women in New Jersey. NJ Familycare provides coverage for [Doula Care](#), [NurtureNJ](#), [NJ Familycare 365](#) and the [Plan First Program](#).

Visit [HERE](#) for more information.

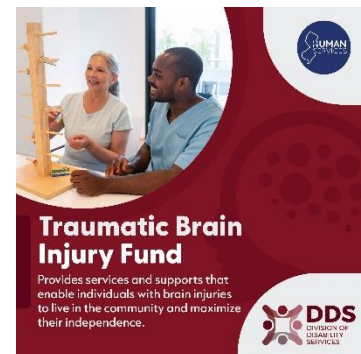


May 1st - 7th was
National Hurricane Preparedness Week.

A good time to remind people with disabilities to voluntarily get [Register Ready](http://www.registerready.nj.gov) so that first responders can better assist in an emergency.

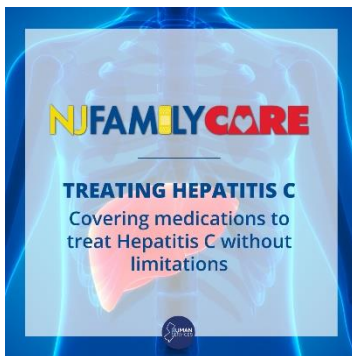
Find out more about this free, voluntary service [HERE](http://www.registerready.nj.gov).

May 19th - 25th was **Brain Injury Awareness Week** in NJ. The [Traumatic Brain Injury Fund](http://www.tbifund.org) provides eligible residents of any age, who've survived a traumatic brain injury, the opportunity to access brain injury related services they need to live in the community.
Visit [HERE](http://www.tbifund.org) for more information.





May 6th- 12th was **National Nurses Week**. Human Services thanks all of the nurses that help our department care for the many people we serve. Their work and devotion is valued, not just during Nurses Week, but every day. Thank you!



May was **Hepatitis C Awareness Month** in New Jersey.

Did you know that NJ FamilyCare covers Hepatitis C curative drug treatment?

For more information, visit our website [HERE](#).

May was NJ Adult Onset Disability Awareness Month.

These are disabilities that occur age 21 and older and affect an individual's ability to complete day-to-day tasks. Call DDS at 1-888-285-3036 for assistance with state and county services. And take a moment to download a copy of the NJ Resources Guide [HERE](#).



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DIVISION OF THE DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING

Are You Deaf or Hard of Hearing and Need Services?

- ▶ **Mental Health Videophone Helpline:**
Call 873-870-0677
- ▶ **Healthcare Resources:**
Visit nj.gov/humanservices/ddhh/education/healthcare/
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Visit nj.gov/humanservices/ddhh/services/caption/
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Visit nj.gov/humanservices/ddhh/services/edp/
- ▶ **Hearing Aid Programs:**
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- ▶ **Language Instruction Services, Ages 0-5:**
Visit nj.gov/humanservices/ddhh/education/els/
- ▶ **Deaf and Hard of Hearing Sensitivity Training:**
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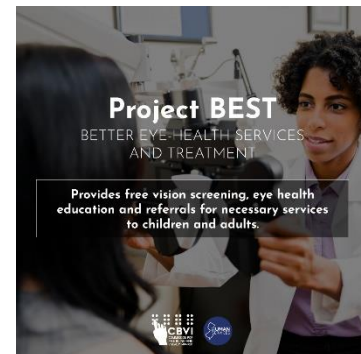
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May was **Better Hearing and Speech Month**. The [Division of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing](#) provides education, advocacy and direct services to eliminate barriers and promote increased accessibility to programs, services, and information routinely available to the state's general population. For more on its programs and services, visit [HERE](#).

May was **Healthy Vision Month**. The [Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired's ProjectBEST](#) program works to save sight and restore vision for adults and children. Free eye screenings have continued at schools, medical centers and fixed sites around New Jersey.

For more info on screenings, visit [HERE](#).





May was **ALS Awareness Month**, a time to bring attention to challenges that families with Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS) face. If you or someone you love has been diagnosed with ALS and need help navigating services, contact [DDS' Community Resource Specialists](#) at **1-888-285-3036**.

May was **National Mobility Awareness Month**. This month encourages people with disabilities to enjoy an active, mobile lifestyle by making them aware of the many automotive mobility solutions. [National Mobility Equipment Dealers Association](#) offers resources to assist in understanding and navigating automobility equipment. Visit [HERE](#) for more information.



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