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Governor Hochul's Letter to Senate GOP Leader: The 'Big Ugly' Reconciliation Bill Will Devastate New York Families

This week Governor Kathy Hochul issued a [letter to Senate Majority Leader John Thune](#) outlining the potentially disastrous impact that the House's proposed budget would have on New Yorkers.

The full text of the letter is below:

Dear Majority Leader Thune and Minority Leader Schumer:

As Governor of New York, I am writing to you ahead of the Senate's consideration of the House reconciliation legislative package to underscore the detrimental impact this bill would have on my state. If enacted, the proposed bill would gut New York's healthcare system, strip families of crucial nutrition benefits, trigger billions in economic losses through the removal of clean energy tax credits, stagnate growth in education and critical

technology sectors, and continue to unfairly tax hard-working New Yorkers by failing to fully repeal the SALT cap. Passage of this legislation would worsen the affordability crisis and inject further instability into an already fragile economy.

Restricting Access to Healthcare: The House bill slashes \$13.5 billion in funding for our healthcare economy through cuts to Medicaid and the Affordable Care Act (ACA) marketplace. Make no mistake: if the Senate passes this legislation and it is signed into law, nearly 1.5 million people in New York will lose their health insurance. Over \$3 billion will be lost to our hospitals, with safety net hospitals in rural and low-income areas at significant risk of shuttering their doors permanently. These closures will harm all New Yorkers, regardless of their insurance coverage.

Reducing Food Security: The bill also significantly shrinks federal support for SNAP nutrition and food benefits, making it more difficult for the nearly three million New Yorkers who rely on SNAP to put food on the table for their families. The bill places significant administrative burdens on our state and counties and will create headaches for eligible families in receiving their benefits. States have always played a key role in SNAP; this bill decimates the longstanding federal-state partnership by penalizing states with recurring annual costs. We expect the House-passed bill to cost New York State alone over \$2.1 billion annually.

Undermining Energy Modernization and Resilience: The House reconciliation package would put the safety and reliability of our power grid at risk by repealing tax credits that support major renewable and energy storage projects. The financial impact to New York from the loss of the investment tax credit alone would be \$25 billion to the state's current portfolio of large-scale clean energy investments and would further make new projects more expensive for businesses and threaten good-paying union jobs. Added fees on electric vehicles, canceled IRA transportation funding, and the rollback of EV and home energy credits would also drive-up costs statewide. The bill would also curtail efforts to reduce housing energy costs and improve resilience by eliminating the Green and Resilient Retrofit Program (GRRP), an important resource to retrofit our nation's affordable housing stock.

Education Undermined, Disparities Widened: The House bill threatens to dismantle essential supports for low-income and nontraditional students by imposing restrictive eligibility changes for working, part-time learners; establishing harsh institutional penalties; and eliminating key federal loan programs. In New York, where nearly half of community college students attend part-time and rely heavily on Pell Grants, these changes could force thousands to drop out or incur deeper debt. Additionally, the bill eliminates some subsidized student loans and forces loan risk onto education institutions. Taken together, these provisions represent a regressive shift that threatens to widen educational disparities, destabilize community colleges and minority-

serving institutions and undermine national efforts to promote affordable higher education.

Artificial Intelligence (AI) Moratorium: The House legislation also includes a highly problematic and broad prohibition on state AI regulation for a decade. States like New York have passed laws to both invest in the incredible potential of AI and thoughtfully address potential AI harms in the face of federal inaction. Under my leadership, New York has enacted several first-in-the-nation AI safety measures, including the Safe for Kids Act to curb the addictive nature of social media for kids, and safeguards for AI Companion chatbots to reduce harmful interactions. If this federal prohibition remains in reconciliation, the impact is not merely a bureaucratic moratorium; it undermines the states' fundamental right and responsibility to protect the safety, health, privacy, and economic vitality of its citizens.

Unfair Tax Burdens: Not only does this bill guarantee higher costs, it also fails to deliver on a key promise made by New Yorkers in your caucus to their constituents: a full repeal of the SALT cap. House Republicans' decision to impose a new, permanent SALT cap upholds a double tax on New York taxpayers and unfairly burdens households. The bill also levies outrageous taxes on nonprofits including universities and eliminates the popular direct-file program that simplifies the tax filing process – all in an effort to cut taxes for the richest Americans.

These are just some of the more egregious harms this bill would inflict on my constituents. If New York Republicans in the House refuse to advocate for the best interests of their state, I will. As Governor, I must stand up for middle-class New Yorkers who cannot afford the consequences of this budget. I urge you to reject the House proposal and instead work with Leader Schumer on a bipartisan reconciliation package that delivers for working families, invests in the future, and reflects the real needs of the people we serve.

To view the full press release, click [here](#).

Statement From Governor Kathy Hochul On Second Circuit Decision In Mary Doe V. Hochul

Governor Hochul issued the following statement following the decision on the in Mary Doe V. Hochul:

"Moments ago, a federal appeals court affirmed the dismissal of a case that attempted to challenge New York's Reproductive Health Act, our state law that protects reproductive freedom. Let me be clear: This means that New York's nation-leading abortion protections under the Reproductive Health Act remain in effect.

"From the halls of Congress to state capitals across this country, extreme politicians are trying to strip away reproductive freedoms. In New York, we're standing up for women's health and defending abortion rights.

"So, to anyone who tries to strip away these fundamental freedoms from my constituents, I have a clear message: Not here, not now, not ever."

Please click [here](#) to view the full statement.

OMIG To Host Health Care Provider Engagement Forum On June 25

The New York State Office of the Medicaid Inspector General (OMIG) will host a health care provider engagement forum on Wednesday, June 25, 2025, at Erie County Community College in Buffalo, N.Y., regarding the agency's Medicaid program integrity efforts.

During the session, OMIG's Acting Medicaid Inspector General [Frank T. Walsh, Jr.](#), First Deputy Medicaid Inspector General [Erin Ives](#), Deputy Medicaid Inspector General for Audit [Michael D'Allaird](#), and Assistant Medicaid Inspector General for the Division of Compliance and Self-Disclosure [Amanda Susser](#) will provide key updates related to Medicaid audits and audit protocols, compliance program reviews, self-disclosure trends and best practices, and the agency's ongoing outreach and education efforts. Much of the forum will be devoted to an interactive Q&A session with onsite participants and those joining online.

As seating is limited, in-person attendance is available on a first-registered, first-served basis. To ensure providers from across the state have an opportunity to participate, a virtual option is also available.

Providers interested in submitting input, questions, or recommendations prior to the session are encouraged to complete OMIG's [Health Care Provider Engagement Forum Feedback Form](#).

Please note: OMIG cannot consider, in any capacity, specific matters pertaining to audits or investigations that are currently before the agency.

Questions about the event can be sent via email to: information@omig.ny.gov.

EVENT INFORMATION AND REGISTRATION

When: June 25, 2025; 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. EST

Location: Buffalo, NY. Erie County Community College (ECCC), Building 5 -5101, South Campus

Address:

ECCC South Campus

4041 Southwestern Blvd.
Orchard Park, NY 14127
(716) 851-1003

[Map Directions](#)

[Campus Map](#)

In-person attendance registration:

<https://forms.office.com/g/ZazGQt6mgn>

Virtual attendance registration:

<https://totalwebcasting.com/view/func=VOFF&id=nysomig&date=2025-06-25&seq=1>

**The Office of Health Insurance Programs of the New York State
Department of Health Releases April 2025 Medicaid Update**

The Office of Health Insurance Programs of the New York State Department of Health has approved the release of the April 2025 [Medicaid Update](#). Please find the interactive issue as a PDF (Portable Document Format) file available to be downloaded at:

https://health.ny.gov/health_care/medicaid/program/update/2025/docs/mu_no04_a_pr25.pdf. A print-ready version is also available on the Medicaid Update web page.

You may also go straight to an article or topic that pertains to you by selecting from the current issue's table of contents below.

Policy and Billing

- [Topical Fluoride Varnish Application: Expansion of Provider Types \(*Cover*\)](#)
- [Reminder: Coverage of Licensed Clinical Social Workers, Licensed Master Social Workers, Licensed Mental Health Counselors, Licensed Marriage and Family Therapists Services Provided in Article 28 Outpatient Hospital Clinics and Free-Standing Diagnostic and Treatment Centers](#)

Pharmacy

- [NYRx Pharmacy Drug Coverage: Claims Processing Enhancements and Reminders](#)
- [Pharmacy Reminder: Coordination of Benefits Processing Instruction for New York State Medicaid](#)

**Governor Hochul Announces State Legislature-Recommended
Appointments to Nassau Health Care Corporation**

This week Governor Hochul announced her final two appointments to the Nassau Health Care Corporation (NHCC) Board of Directors, following recommendations from the New York State Senate and Assembly. The new members are Dr. Lisa Zakiya Newland, recommended by the Senate, and Rory Lancman, recommended by the Assembly. These appointments join the previous four she made on June 1.

“Public hospitals are essential pillars of our communities, and Nassau University Medical Center deserves a governance structure that reflects its critical mission,” Governor Hochul said. “With these two appointments, made in coordination with the legislative leaders, the new NHCC Board is further positioned to tackle long-standing challenges and deliver better outcomes for both patients and taxpayers.”

Appointees Recommended by Legislature:

Dr. Lisa Zakiya Newland — Recommended by the Senate

Dr. Newland is a Full Professor and Chairperson of the Department of Social Work at Molloy University, where she previously served as Faculty President. Her distinguished career spans clinical social work, community engagement, mental health administration, and educational leadership.

Rory Lancman — Recommended by the Assembly

Mr. Lancman's background spans law, public policy, civil rights and government reform. He is Director of Corporate Initiatives and Senior Counsel at the Louis D. Brandeis Center for Human Rights Under Law, where he represents victims of workplace anti-Semitism across the country, and Vice-Chair of the Nassau County Interim Finance Authority, a position he will be vacating to assume his role on the NHCC board.

Key provisions of the governance reform law that took effect June 1:

1. The NHCC Board now consists of 11 members:

- Six appointed by the Governor (including two upon recommendation from the legislative leader of the Senate and Assembly)
- Two appointed by the Nassau County Executive
 - Two appointed by the majority of the Nassau County Legislature
- One appointed by the minority of the Nassau County Legislature
- The Governor designated the Board Chair, Stuart Rabinowitz

2. The Nassau County Executive no longer has approval authority over the NHCC CEO

3. The Nassau Interim Finance Authority (NIFA) has gained expanded oversight, including:

- Authority to approve NHCC contracts over \$1 million
- Ability to declare a control period under certain conditions

4. NHCC is required to complete a comprehensive study by December 1, 2026, outlining options to strengthen NUMC's operations and sustainability

Governor Hochul's Previously Announced Appointees:

- Stuart Rabinowitz, Esq. (Chair): Former President of Hofstra University and expert in law, education, and public policy

- Amy Flores: Vice President at JPMorgan Chase with experience in economic development and public engagement
- Dean Mihaltses, RPh, BPS, MPA: Health care executive and licensed pharmacist with over 40 years in public hospital management
- Lisa Warren: Business leader and civic advocate with decades of nonprofit and philanthropic engagement on Long Island

The new NHCC board is expected to meet in the coming days to begin executing its oversight responsibilities.

To view the full press release please click [here](#).

Lieutenant Governor Antonio Delgado Launches Campaign For Governor

After months of speculation, Lt. Gov Antonio Delgado officially entered the Democratic primary for governor on Monday. Sources told City & State that Delgado's nascent campaign has already reached out to important stakeholders and progressive groups like the New York Working Families Party, Citizen Action of New York and New York Communities for Change as he positions himself for a run to Hochul's left.

"What we need right here in New York is bold, decisive, transformational leadership," Delgado said in his campaign announcement video. In his campaign rhetoric, Delgado has attempted to separate himself from the Hochul administration, even though he is still, technically, a part of it.

The New York Times published an [exclusive interview with Delgado](#) on Monday evening, minutes after the New York Post [broke the news](#) that he planned to run for governor. Dutchess County Democratic Committee Chair Michael Dupree told City & State that he was told Delgado had planned to announce on June 7.

"This was supposed to happen on the 7th because it was the worst kept secret up in Schenectady, in his hometown, for his hometown coming," Dupree said. "So, I don't know what caused him to, but I believe he's jumping the gun. I had no idea, but I was surprised about the timing as well."

Peter Kauffmann, a spokesperson for Delgado's campaign, denied that the campaign's launch had been moved up. He said that the campaign had always planned to release its campaign launch video on Monday, followed by an interview with NY1 on Tuesday and a press conference in Brooklyn on Wednesday. Kauffmann also said that the June 7 campaign event in Schenectady was not meant to be the campaign's launch.

To view the full article please click [here](#).

To view the campaign video please click [here](#).

Senator Jessica Ramos Endorsing Andrew Cuomo For NYC Mayor

In a surprising turn of events mayoral candidate Senator Jessica Ramos is endorsing her front-running rival Andrew Cuomo just weeks after questioning his “mental acuity” and comparing his mental state to former President Joe Biden’s.

Senator Ramos, a Queens state senator who was also among scores of lawmakers to call for Cuomo’s 2021 resignation as governor over sexual misconduct accusations, formally threw her political weight behind his mayoral bid at a press conference in Manhattan on Friday morning.

She said that, while it took “tremendous courage” for Cuomo’s accusers to come forward, she thinks Cuomo is the one candidate in the race with the executive chops to stand up to the president.

“This today is not about forgiveness or about forgetting anything,” Ramos said. “This is a very sober take on where we are in this race and the type of leadership that is required at a time when I need workers, and I need immigrants protected.”

She told the New York Times, which first reported her surprising decision, that she’s going with Cuomo because “he’s the one best positioned right now to protect this city.” Cuomo, who’s polling as the favorite to win the June 24 Democratic mayoral primary, “knows how to hold the line and deliver under pressure,” she added, citing uncertainty caused by President Trump.

Ramos, who identifies as a progressive Democrat, said she’s not dropping out and her name will still appear on the primary ballot. But her endorsement of the centrist Cuomo is an effective acknowledgement she has no path to victory.

For more information please click [here](#).

NYS COVID-19 Monitoring Dashboard

Use this link to view the State’s updated [COVID-19 Hub](#).

NYS COVID-19 Fatalities Tracker

Below we have included the Fatalities Tracker with the webpage where updated numbers can be found throughout the week linked [here](#).



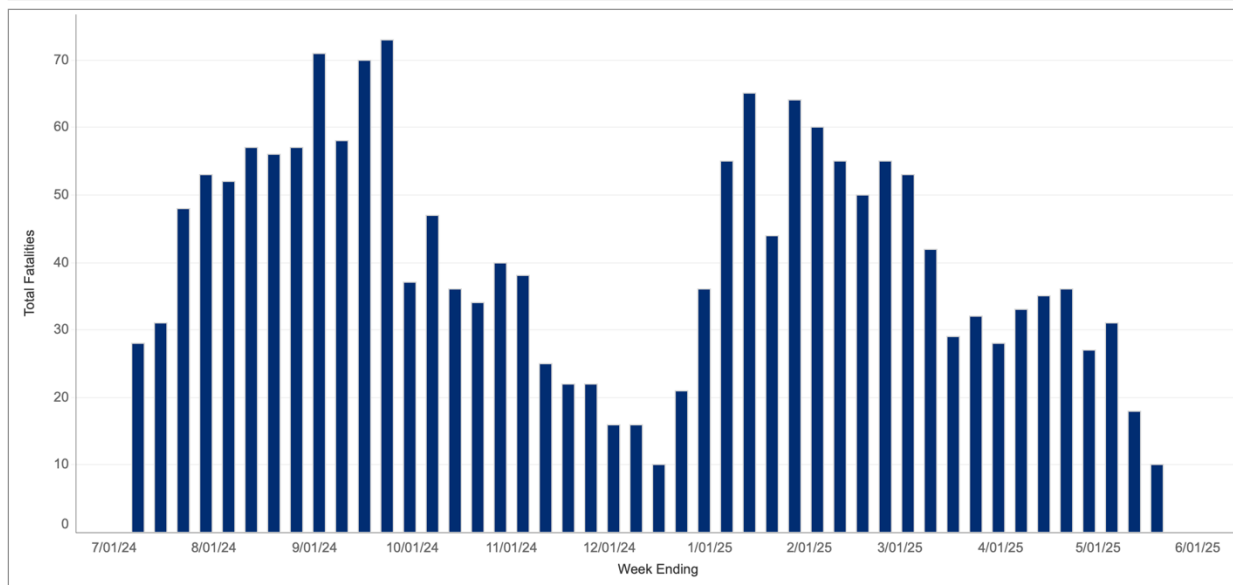
Department of
Health

Fatalities

Data Last Updated on: 5/29/2025
Dashboard Updated on: 5/30/2025

Total Fatalities reported to and compiled by CDC : 85497

This weekly COVID-19 provisional death certificate data reported by NYS DOH and NYC to the CDC includes those who died in any location, including hospitals, nursing homes, adult care facilities, at home, in hospice and other settings.



Helpful Links and Resources

[RMS Final Budget Tax/Revenue Table](#)

[RMS SFY 2025-26 Final Budget H/MH Summary](#)

[Center for Disease Control and Prevention](#)

[Department of Financial Services information and resources](#)

[New York COVID-19 Vaccine Information Page](#)

Department of Health

<https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/home>

[COVID-19 Guidance for Medicaid Providers](#)

Office of Mental Health

<https://omh.ny.gov/omhweb/covid-19-resources.html>

OPWDD

<https://opwdd.ny.gov/coronavirus-guidance>

State Education Department

<http://www.op.nysed.gov/COVID-19.html>

NYS Department of Labor

<https://dol.ny.gov/>