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**STATEMENT FROM HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSIONER
SARAH ADELMAN ON THE IMPACT OF H.R. 1 (OBBBA) MEDICAID AND
SNAP CUTS IN NEW JERSEY**

This new law will make it harder for New Jersey families to access health care and food assistance, while shifting hundreds of millions of dollars in costs onto state taxpayers.

Programs like [NJ FamilyCare](#) and [NJ SNAP](#) are not just safety nets. They are

lifelines. They reflect New Jersey's core values of dignity, compassion, and opportunity for all. These programs ensure that children receive medical care, that older adults and people with disabilities can live with independence, and that no family goes hungry in a time of need.

Since the beginning of this debate, Governor Murphy and I have been clear about what these proposed cuts to Medicaid, food assistance, and other essential programs would mean for New Jersey older adults, individuals with disabilities, and families struggling to make ends meet. We've conveyed this message - both publicly and privately - to our Congressional delegation, warning of the devastating consequences these measures would bring.

Sadly, the outcome revealed no surprise courage.

The cumulative effect of these changes to Medicaid will be:

- an estimated 350,000 eligible residents will lose healthcare coverage because of bureaucratic barriers
- \$3.3 billion annual cut in funding to hospitals and public health funding
- \$360 million annual cut to the state budget due to reductions in federal funding and provider assessments

For NJFamilyCare Members this bill will:

- restrict the definition of qualified immigrants (Oct. 2026)
- impose work requirements for able-bodied adults (as soon as Jan. 2027, and no later than Jan. 2029)
- require six-month eligibility redetermination for expansion adults (Jan. 2027)

- limits retroactive coverage to one month prior to application for expansion population and two months prior for traditional enrollees (Jan. 2027)
- require expansion adults to pay money out of pocket towards the cost of treatment (Oct. 2028)

For Medicaid providers and administrators:

- prohibit new or increased provider taxes (immediate)
- cap new state directed payments at 100% of the Medicare rate, any plan enacted prior to May 2025 will be reduced 10% annually until they meet the cap (immediate)
- limit federal matching funds for emergency Medicaid (Oct. 2026)
- create stricter budget neutrality standard for 1115 waivers (Jan. 2027)
- phase down enhanced funding for hospitals and other providers by lowering the safe harbor limit for provider taxes by 0.5% annually until it reaches 3.5% in 2031 (beginning Oct. 2027)
- reduce federal match to states for improper payment error rates (Oct. 2029)
- does not include delay of DSH reductions (going into effect Oct. 2025)

The impact to the 800,000 residents who receive SNAP food assistance, more than 60% of which are children or seniors, is:

- Requiring state budget to raise \$100-\$300 million due to a new cost-sharing requirement for states, or risk eliminating the entire SNAP program for New Jersey
- Requiring county governments to find or tax an addition \$78 million annually due to decreasing federal reimbursement

NJ Human Services will keep the health, dignity and success of every New Jersey resident and their families at the center of all we do. Those will be our guiding principles as the federal Administration next begins directing states on implementation of the law.

Go to ProtectMedicaidSnap.nj.gov to learn more.

🎥 [Click here to watch a Medical Assistance Advisory Council discussion on the impact of federal Medicaid cuts on New Jersey.](#)

[Click here for a closer look at the implications for NJ FamilyCare.](#)

[Click here for a closer look at the implications for NJ SNAP.](#)



Governor Murphy Signs Legislation to Expand Access to Early Childhood Education

Governor Phil Murphy signed three bills to bolster early childhood education in New Jersey, building on a multi-year, administration-wide effort to expand access to free, high-quality preschool and full-day kindergarten programs.

"We are moving forward in making free, universal preschool and free, full-day kindergarten a reality in every corner of our state," **Governor Murphy said.** "We know that access to high-quality early education programs is critical for our children and that it can set the tone for the rest of their academic careers. It is in these settings that our children begin to foster literacy skills and engage in social and emotional development, both of which can positively impact their lives. Expanding access to high-quality early childhood education has been the cornerstone of my Administration's approach to setting our children on a path to lifelong success. We have already seen remarkable success in bringing State-funded preschool to hundreds of New Jersey communities, and today's action will ensure this trajectory continues so that New Jersey remains the best place in the nation to raise a family."

"Every child deserves a strong start, and these bills reflect New Jersey's commitment to making high-quality early education more accessible, transparent, and equitable," **Commissioner Sarah Adelman said.** "By centralizing information on preschool opportunities, we are strengthening the foundation of the early childhood system. A robust mixed-delivery system that includes public schools, child care centers, and community-based providers is essential to meeting the diverse needs of families. Human Services is ready to play a role in building a more coordinated, inclusive early childhood system that works for families, providers, and communities across the state."

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July has been a busy month for the [Office of New Americans](#) (ONA). Outreach Teams participated in events in Newark, Bridgeton, Camden, Irvington and Elizabeth to distribute information about DHS and ONA programs and services to the community.



The NJ Department of Human Services [Office of Emergency Management](#) in coordination with the [Disaster and Terrorism Branch](#) held a Family Assistance Center information session at the [Burlington County Emergency Services Training Center](#). Chief of Staff Jonathan Chebra provided opening comments to the over 75 people in attendance. Additional sessions are planned for August 5th in Middlesex and August 14th at [Kean University](#).

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Governor's July Proclamations



Disability Pride Month



Americans with Disabilities Act Anniversary

Governor Murphy Marked Fentanyl Poisoning Awareness Day



Governor Phil Murphy ✓

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Max Lenowitz of Bergen County tragically died of fentanyl on his 25th birthday on July 14, 2022.

Today, we recognize Fentanyl Poisoning Awareness Day in New Jersey and raise awareness of the dangers of fentanyl — because no family should have to experience the agony of a tragedy like this.



WORLD HEPATITIS DAY

NJ FamilyCare covers **#HepC**
drug treatment once someone
is diagnosed with the virus.

#NOHep



July 28th was **World Hepatitis Day**.

NJ Human Services expanded Hepatitis C coverage for Medicaid
recipients through NJ Familycare.

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