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## THE IMPACT OF FEDERAL HEALTHCARE CUTS

The Trump administration's "One Big Bill" has created a looming health crisis in New York. The deep cuts to *Medicaid*, the *Affordable Care Act* and *SNAP* are not simply policy changes—they are matters of life, dignity, and moral responsibility.

**As faith leaders, we are called to care for the sick, protect the vulnerable, and defend the well-being of our communities. These cuts threaten the health of our congregants and they endanger the stability of our hospitals and caregivers who serve them.**

### WHAT IS AT STAKE FOR FAITH COMMUNITIES?

#### Our Congregants Will Face Impossible Choices:

- Affordable Care Act (ACA) monthly premiums will rise an average of 38%, creating costs that are unaffordable for working families
- New Yorkers could lose Medicaid and Essential Plan coverage, leaving many without affordable healthcare and vulnerable to crushing medical debt
- Many low-income households will lose SNAP benefits, increasing food insecurity and leading to higher rates of chronic disease and poor mental health

- Families will be forced to choose between medical care and putting food on the table

#### Lifelines for the Vulnerable Will Be Weakened:

- Hospitals could lose \$8 billion in annual funding, forcing service reductions or even closures
- Up to 34,000 hospital jobs could be lost, affecting caregivers and compromising care
- Communities could lose \$14.4 billion in economic activity tied to hospitals and healthcare services
- Mental health care, psychiatric care, and emergency services could be reduced, affecting even patients with private insurance

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### WHEN WILL THESE CHANGES TAKE EFFECT?

#### 2026:

- ACA premium tax credits expire, raising monthly costs for 140,000 self-employed workers and small business owners
- 450,000 lawfully present immigrants lose Essential Plan coverage, and many become uninsured
- SNAP work requirements begin to limit food access for 300,000 New Yorkers

#### 2027:

- Work requirements for Medicaid take effect, threatening coverage for 1.5 million New Yorkers, including middle-aged women, family caregivers, and people with chronic conditions

- Federal funding for hospitals begins to shrink, first through reductions in provider taxes, then cuts to state-directed payments

**Now is a time for moral clarity and faithful leadership.**

**We must lift our voices to ensure that our leaders in New York fight the Trump administration to protect access to care for everyone, especially the most vulnerable. The health of our communities depends on it.**



### FIGHT FOR YOUR COMMUNITY'S HEALTHCARE!

Contact the Healthcare Education Project to join the fight for healthcare in Albany.