



TOWN OF INDIAN LAKE

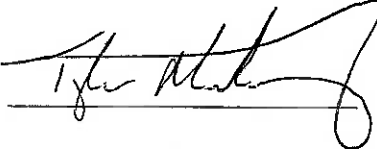
P.O. Box 730 Pelon Road
Indian Lake, Hamilton County
New York 12842

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Town of Indian Lake Building Permit Report April 2025

	<u>Residential</u>	<u>Commercial</u>
1. Total # of Permits Issued:	12	4
2. Total dollar amount of projects in #1:	<u>\$133,304</u>	<u>\$31,600</u>
3. Number of Permits in #1 which are Hunting Camps:	0	
4. Total dollar amounts of projects in #3:	<u>\$0</u>	
5. Number of single-family permits issued (Camps N/A):	<u>0</u>	
6. Total dollar amount of projects in #5:	<u>\$0</u>	
7. Number of Trailers/Double Wide/Modular Homes:	<u>0</u>	
8. Number of Permit renewals:	<u>2</u>	
9. Number of Firework Permits issued:	<u>0</u>	
10. Total dollar amount of permits in #9:	<u>\$0</u>	
11. Fire inspections (Annual) to date	<u>4</u>	

Respectfully Submitted by:



Tyler Monthony

Monthly report April 2025 Building Maintenance & Operations Department

We started April off with an ice storm, salted and shoveled all Town buildings, cleaned up brush and debris from down trees on all town properties and cemeteries. After the snow was gone we installed our broom on the dump loader and began cleaning up some of the parking lots like Welcome Center and Byron Park. Started routine yearly lawn maintenance fixing where plows had dug up grass, getting sand and stones off of lawns.

Worked in the shop on a lot of different projects, we built brand new barricades to replace some we've had for over 10 years, made repairs to boards on ice rink, premade some benches and installed at the new Little League building when completed.

Installed rake and tiller on John Deere 1025, started prepping Little League field tilling the baselines and infield, raking the parking lot and rolling some of the field, prepping for the first Little League game.

BTI is well underway and we are on our second go around on all streams, many of the dams have been done two or three times.

We have already had our first burial this month at the Cedar River Cemetery. We have two upcoming services in the month of May. Will be ordering a load of topsoil as soon as we feel the road is safe enough to drive on in the cemetery. We started filling in some of the sunken graves at both the Benton and Cedar River Cemetery.

Change out a bad circulator at the Ambulance squad and installed a new aquastat in the boiler mate for the Meal Site. Installed new dishwasher hose at the Meal Site.

Made trips to TC MURPHY for parts and materials, parts runs to Glens Falls for tractors, trip to Vermont to pick up the 6060 Kubota that was in for four-wheel-drive repairs.

Both generators are completely installed at the Town hall and the library, J&R Eldredge came and hooked up the fuel after we installed the tanks. Brian from Adirondack generators recommends us put a cell booster on each generator for communications with his office and myself as head of maintenance so that if something happens to the generators we are informed immediately, the switch costs around \$400 and for the piece of mind I will be doing it on all of our generators.

The heat pump went in the Library attic spilling about 5 gallons of antifreeze into the ceiling and on the book displays. A trip was made to Glens Falls for parts the unit was repaired and everything is back in service.

The rear of Byron Park will be open to the public this year and the bathrooms are open as well.

Recycling has been going very well business days averaging about 2 1/2 hours, full Town pick up about 5 1/2 hours, we have moved to our 10 hour days and two guys are staying on eights strictly for the recycling.

Thank you

Bill LaPrairie



Building Maintenance & Operations Department Head

Town of Indian Lake water and wastewater report for April 2025

Testing was completed daily at all plants.

DEC and DOH samples were submitted to the lab.

Evan, Josh LaVergne and myself attended a class on PFOS and microplastics at SUNY Potsdam.

Nate has completed his certification courses and can apply for his water and wastewater license at the end of July.

We repaired a large water main break in WD #1.

We raked put topsoil down and seeded the areas in Blue Mt. that were affected by previous main breaks over the winter.

Core bores and test holes were done at the future site of the water plant in Blue Mt.

The UV disinfection was installed for the season at the wastewater plant.

The drying bed at the sewer plant was cleaned up and hauled away.

We repaired a water main leak on Pelon Rd.

Respectfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Pat Mahoney', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Patrick Mahoney

Town of Indian Lake Highway Department

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Monthly Report – April 2025

We are finishing up hauling sand to the highway garage for next winter.

The crew has been busy cutting brush along the roadways, grading dirt roads (using Long Lake's grader), removing the weight limit signs, cold patching potholes, and sweeping roads and parking lots (school, former market and churches). We also cleared leaves and debris from the Headquarters road.

Culverts were replaced on Chain Lakes Road and King Road. Planning is underway for several upcoming road paving projects.

Truck #185 is back in service after 2 weeks of repair work.

The installation of security cameras at the garage is almost complete.

On April 16th the Highway Dept. was treated to breakfast at the American Legion. Thank you to the Legion!



Submitted by Eugene Darling, Jr.
Highway Superintendent
May 8, 2025



May 12, 2025, Town of Indian Lake Board Meeting Economic Development, Marketing & Events Report

Community/Economic Development

NYSDEC Eastern Black Bear Workshops After attending this workshop, we were asked to consider becoming a BearWise Community, which was approved by the Town Board. Trademarked BearWise.org materials can be found at Town Hall and the Welcome Center. We are also sharing them via social media. We will be co-hosting an **educational/informational session at the Indian Lake Theater on Wednesday, May 28 at 6PM**. Presenters will be from NYSDEC Raybrook office – this is the team who responds to our bear encounter incidents last year.

2025 ANCA Clean Energy + Small Communities, Big Opportunities Conference Christine attended this conference held on April 30-May 2. The focus of the conference was twofold – Clean Energy and Empowering Communities & Small Businesses. Some key thoughts included: Push your community to think ahead seven generations as part of your planning process; Build for the most vulnerable and you'll be building for all; housing still is a critical need in the Adirondacks; By providing generators in our town buildings, we are providing spaces to protect the public from negative health impacts (ie: providing a place to allow people to charge their medical equipment, etc.). The Town's Welcome Center was featured in the session "Strengthening the Rural Voice: ACORN Project Findings." I attended a session re: electric buses and learned they cost close to \$500,000 and can travel 100 miles (pretty expensive!) I also learned about some of the pros and cons re: Solar and Battery Storage.

Lifeguards & Beaches We currently have commitments from five individuals to serve as lifeguards this summer. Three need to recertify their CPR and two need to complete the full American Red Cross training in Minerva offered in May and/or June. Christine and Kyle are spearheading the hiring and training for the guards as well as any paperwork. Bill will continue to handle the scheduling. Christine and Kylie both took and passed an online American Red Cross Lifeguard Management Course so they are knowledgeable about the safety expectations. We received our approved NYSDOH beach permits for 2025.

Professional Development Kylie is attending three online classes on Mondays during the month of May from 1 to 4PM. Topics are Digital Empowerment & Marketing and Leadership Development & Strategic Planning. She learned *TikTok* and *Twitter (X)* aren't considered as reliable social media outlets. Future development for *YouTube Shorts* and *Threads* will be the new trends to follow.

Rally for Callie We are providing gift baskets with Town merchandise to the fundraisers at the school and Axes& Irons.

Events

Town of Indian Lake and Indian Lake Library Easter Egg Hunt held on Saturday, April 19, was a great success with 350 eggs found by 45 children with total of 125+ in attendance. The Town provided the filled eggs and snacks with the Library providing various fun activities for the families.

Community Pride Day was held on Wednesday, May 7, with 49 volunteers participating. L&J Catering and Moore will be providing free lunches for the volunteers. Lunch will be served at the Ski Hut at Noon. The shirt design winner this year was ILCS student Nala Preston.

John Rathbun's group will be hosting its **2nd Annual Indian Lake Living History Timeline on May 15 to 18**. There will be displays and demonstrations throughout the day. For more information, contact John Rathbun, 518-648-5306.

The **Great Adirondack Yard Sale** organized by ROOST, will be implemented by Indian Lake Chamber of Commerce May 23-25. You can sign up to be on the yard sale map by going to [Great Adirondack Garage Sale | Great Adirondack Garage Sale](#). Twenty-one-yard sales are listed on the website to date.

Hamilton County Memorial Day Parade will be hosted on Monday, May 26, by the Town of Indian Lake this year. The parade will start at 1PM at Bennet Road and travel to Town Hall. Parade entry forms are available online, at Town Hall and the Welcome Center. This year's theme is American Pride. Invitations to participate were sent to all Hamilton County Town Supervisors and local American Legion Posts. The American Legion will be providing hot dogs and drinks following the parade.

Black Fly Challenge starts in Indian Lake this year and will be held on June 14. The NYSDOT permit has finalized and approved. Registration at Town Hall will begin at 7am. The race starts at 10am. Registration sold out with 1,000 riders expected. We will be sending out notices to the community alerting them the race starts at Town Hall. **A Volunteer Recruitment party will be held at Puterko's Family Pizzeria on Tuesday, May 13 at 6PM.**

Independence Day will be celebrated on Saturday, July 6. The Washington County Line Bluegrass Band will be the featured music, with parade at 7PM and fireworks at dusk. Parade entry forms are currently available online, at Town Hall and the Welcome Center.

Antiques and Rustic Shows New branding has been completed for both these shows. Banners have been ordered. Postcards have been sent to several vendors to pass out while they are at other shows. On Sunday, May 4, Christine and Kylie went to the Washington County Antique Fair and handed out postcards to potential vendors (50+) and we even visited with vendors there who attended our show. Folks were very receptive saying things like, "I've heard of this show; or Thank you, I've always wanted to check the show out." We will be attending two additional shows this summer to do the same type of marketing.



Marketing

All calendars of events continue to be updated on a regular basis as needed. We are a member of the IABA in Inlet, so they also post and share our events. We have been posting, and will continue, on NCPR and Experience Our Adirondacks (Hamilton County Tourism Calendar).

Flyers, maps, and town event rack cards are continually refilled throughout the community on a weekly basis and as needed.

Social Media: I continue to encourage all to **FOLLOW and LIKE** the Town on social media sites.

<https://www.facebook.com/townofindianlake>

<https://twitter.com/TownofIndianLa1>

<https://www.facebook.com/Townsofindianandbluemountainlakeny>

[Nextdoor](#)

Our new Instagram account is **townof.indianlakeny**. Please **LIKE** and **FOLLOW** our new link. [townofindianlakeny \(@townofindianlakeny\) | TikTok](#)

Technology

Kylie assisted with the initial camera set up at the Highway Department.

Grants

NEW: T-Mobile Hometown Grant was submitted for \$26,340 on March 31 for the final Multiuse Trail at the Ski Hut. Safety signage and trail markers will be mounted very soon – weather permitting. A trail map has been designed for users. A ribbon cutting is in the planning process to unveil the three completed trails.

A Stewarts Holiday Match grant application was submitted by Kimberley for youth sports programs, and we received \$1,400. Thank yous were sent to Stewart's Shops both in print and digitally.

NYS SWIMS application was submitted on 11/8/2024 with a request for \$9,950. Update: Award announcements are expected very soon, and we have been notified we will receive the full award via email. Advertisements for lifeguards are now being circulated. Our goal is to hire at least three lifeguards. The grant provides funding for the third lifeguards salary as well as sign-on and retention bonuses for all three.

Northern Forest Adirondack Housing Pre-Development Assistance Program RFP was approved. This RFP was seeking proposals from ADK municipalities wishing to receive pre-development technical support for potential housing projects. Support would include pre-development activities and preparing potential information packets for potential developers. The Town of Indian Lake was one of the eight projects chosen to receive desktop due diligence and feasibility assessments such as zoning review, review of easements, potential grant and tax credit funding, etc. Of the eight, five will be selected as the most suitable for development and will advance to a deeper pre-development phase. The Commons Project was approved. Update: This project continues to move forward.

DASNY/SAM Grants – We are expecting final paperwork for a \$300,000 disbursement for the Townsend purchase to arrive anytime now.

DEC EV Charging Stations This project is underway. Site plan has been approved. The contractor is working with National Grid to determine our rebate.

DEC Byron Park extension has been approved through July 2026. Waiting for the final contract to come back through the Statewide Financial System.

DEC EV Car Rebate's Letter of Agreement should be issued in the next two months.

Meetings

5/6 – Charge Ready NY 2.0 Zoom (unfortunately we do not qualify for this rebate program)
5/9 at 6PM – Black Fly Challenge Zoom meeting

Respectfully submitted by Christine Pouch and Kylie Cannan, 5/6/25.

Mechanics Report April – 2025

- 185- Remove DEF tank and replace mounting bracket. Replace steer axle backing plates and driver side front brake hose.
- 182- Service call to Adirondack Portable crushing and diagnose blown hydraulic hose. Make new hose and install onto truck, fill truck with oil and verify fix. This was the first time using our mobile crimp system from Gates Hydraulics and it worked very well.
- 3320- Remove the broom axle drill out and install new shear bolt.
- 182- Service call to North River to change passenger side steer axle tire.
- 185- Diagnose engine oil leak. Found the engine oil cooler leaking at the engine. Drained coolant and removed oil cooler cleaned everything up and replaced gasket. Fill system with coolant and verified it was no longer leaking oil.
- TC 45- Hook up the rake and install new hydraulic hoses for lift functions.
- 180- Scan CEL and torque wheels.
- Plumb in air to hydraulics room for crimp machine.
- TC 45- Full engine and hydraulic service.
- 186- Remove winter steer axle tires and install float tires.
- 3320- Move front mounted snowblower to cold storage.
- 180- Diagnose steering wheel pull. Found seized brake caliper on front driver side. Replaced caliper with new and inspected the rest of the vehicle also found bad tie rod front driver side replaced with new.
- 188- Removed sander and washed and greased truck. Installed tailgate. Fabricated new wiring harness for clearance lights on dump box.
- 194- Installed low band radio
- 181- Removed the sander washed and greased truck.
- Kx 121-3 Service call to chain lakes road to reinstall track.
- 194- Removed the sander and washed truck.
- Kx121-3 Brought into the shop and removed both tracks to inspect undercarriage. I found in total 3 rollers that were no good. Replaced 1 top roller and 2 bottom rollers put tracks back on and tensioned to spec. While the machine was in the shop I performed a full engine service.
- 188- Removed tires to take to Oconnors Automotive to have them replace with new.
- Dropped off tires at Oconnors Automotive continued to Whitesboro Spring to retrieve truck # 195 and Evans Equipment to retrieve parts for our mini excavator.
- 194- Repair wiring harness for electronic tailgate.

- TC 45- Installed new lift ram on rake.
- 188- Installed new tires that O'Connors mounted for us.
- Town Of Long Lake Grader- Installed new cutting edges.
- 182-186 Removed passenger seat from 186 and installed on driver side on 182.
- Town Of Long Lake Trailer- Replace Tarp.
- 194- Replace brake pads and rotors and perform a full engine service.
- York Rake- Replace missing teeth.

TOWN OF INDIAN LAKE INTERVIEW FORM

PO BOX 730

INDIAN LAKE, NY 12842



DATE: _____

DEPARTMENT: _____

POSITION: _____

INTERVIEW COMMITTEE:

HEAD OF DEPARTMENT: _____

BOARD MEMBER #1: _____

BOARD MEMBER #2: _____

WAGE: _____

NOTES & RECOMMENDATIONS:

BY SIGNING YOU AGREE TO ALL THE INFORMATION WRITTEN ABOVE:

DEPARTMENT HEAD SIGNATURE: _____

BOARD MEMBER #1 SIGNATURE: _____

BOARD MEMBER #2 SIGNATURE: _____

INTERVIEWEE SIGNATURE: _____

URGING FEDERAL OFFICIALS TO CONSULT WITH HEALTHCARE PRACTITIONERS AND ELECTED OFFICIALS ON THE LOCALIZED EFFECTS OF MEDICAID SPENDING REDUCTIONS, TO EXERCISE CAUTION WHEN CONSIDERING SUCH REDUCTIONS, AND TO IMPLEMENT ONLY THOSE REDUCTIONS THAT ALLOW FOR THE PRESERVATION OF A ROBUST HEALTHCARE DELIVERY SYSTEM

WHEREAS, Medicaid underpins the North Country's healthcare delivery system and is a lifeline for hundreds of thousands of people in our region, with approximately 28% of our population receiving support from Medicaid and its constituent programs, and

WHEREAS, more than 50% of all childbirths in the North Country are paid for by Medicaid, and 34.5% of our children are covered by Medicaid, and

WHEREAS, more than 60% of nursing home residents in the North Country are covered by Medicaid, and our region has the second largest percentage of seniors in the nation, and

WHEREAS, 16.4% of the North Country's population is employed by the healthcare sector, which is reliant on Medicaid as a major payor, and

WHEREAS, Medicaid provides low-income neighbors, children, pregnant women, and people who are disabled with access to essential healthcare services including doctor and clinic visits, hospital stays, emergency care, prescription drugs, medical supplies and equipment, lab tests, x-rays, vision care, dental care, nursing home services, home health services, and transportation to medical appointments, none of which are luxury services, and

WHEREAS, \$880 billion in funding reductions to Medicaid have been proposed over ten years as part of the current federal fiscal year 2025-26 budget discussions, and

WHEREAS, there are many ways these cuts could be implemented, and although the specifics are as yet unknown, reductions of this magnitude relative to the overall size of Medicaid cannot be achieved by eliminating fraud and abuse, and would necessarily have a negative impact on the North Country, and

WHEREAS, the probable impacts of cuts of this magnitude include: North Country residents losing coverage, delaying care, being sicker when they do seek care, using emergency rooms more frequently, being hospitalized more frequently, and amassing debts related to medical bills; hospitals, nursing homes, and clinics cutting staff, offering fewer services, and accumulating more unpaid debt; and hospitals, nursing homes, clinics, and other offices and healthcare businesses that are already operating on the margins being forced to close, and

WHEREAS, the aforementioned results of large-scale Medicaid reductions would also impact those who do not directly receive Medicaid by: increasing the cost of emergency visits and hospitalizations; reducing healthcare services offered in our region; requiring patients who are not

positioned to do so, including pregnant women, to travel much longer distances to get care; rendering thousands of North Country healthcare workers unemployed and unable to spend money supporting our local economy; stifling the growth of the North Country by making the region less attractive to people considering moving here who require adequate healthcare services, and thereby causing home values to drop and tax rates to rise, and

WHEREAS, healthcare providers in the North Country are concerned that the above impacts would take tremendous amounts of time and money to recover from, and in many cases, the healthcare resources this region would lose could be gone forever, and

WHEREAS, a nonpolitical, volunteer coalition of active and retired healthcare professionals, caregivers, business and community leaders, Medicaid recipients, and other concerned citizens concerned about these dangers has formed to educate public officials, the news media, and other interested parties about the importance of Medicaid to the North Country and the potentially dangerous impact of irresponsibly cutting Medicaid, and

WHEREAS, this “Healthcare Coalition for the North Country” seeks to preserve access to Medicaid for all deserving recipients and preserve vital healthcare resources in our region by encouraging the adoption of sensible and carefully considered public policy, and

WHEREAS, the Healthcare Coalition of the North Country seeks to help decisionmakers in Washington achieve these goals, and has asked for this body’s support in doing so, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the [INSERT NAME OF GOVERNMENTAL BODY] hereby recognizes that careless cuts to Medicaid would endanger our local hospitals, nursing homes, and medical practices—in fact, the North Country’s entire healthcare system—and subject our residents to unnecessary pain and suffering, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the [INSERT NAME OF GOVERNMENTAL BODY] hereby joins the Healthcare Coalition of the North Country in calling upon Washington decisionmakers to adopt sensible, carefully considered public policy and ensure that attempts to cut Medicaid do not inadvertently gut Medicaid, and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this Resolution be transmitted to Congresswoman Elise Stefanik, Speaker of the House Mike Johnson, Senate Majority Leader John Thune, Office of Management & Budget Director Russell Vought, HHS Secretary Robert F. Kennedy, Jr., the Congressional DOGE Caucus, [INSERT STATE SENATORS], [INSERT STATE ASSEMBLY MEMBERS], and the Healthcare Coalition for the North Country.

MEDICAID FACT SHEET

NY CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 21 (NY-21)

Medicaid in all its different forms is an essential linchpin of life in NY-21, aka the North Country.

Medicaid: Government-provided healthcare insurance for low-income people, including those who work.

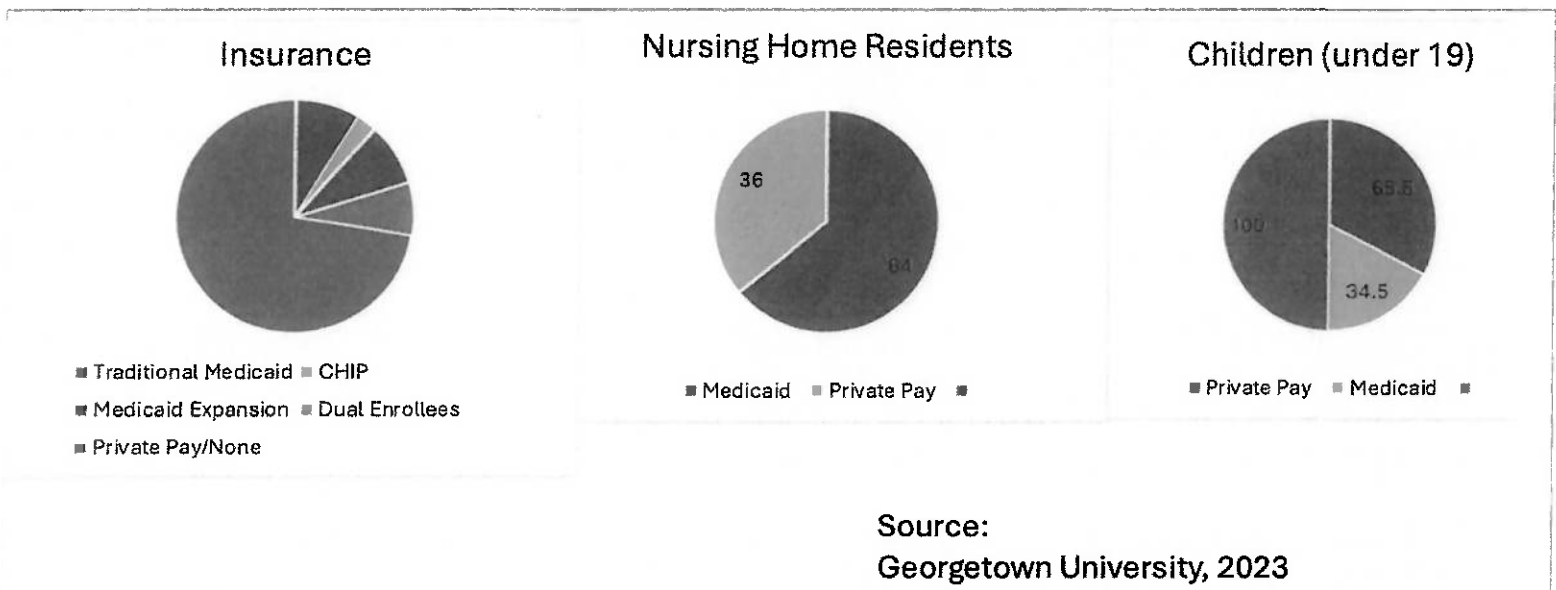
Medicaid provides significant funding for local hospitals, nursing homes, clinics, medical practices, and home care

- Medicaid provides support for 215,000 lives, 28% of our citizens, our neighbors, often our relatives.
- Equally important, 16.4% of the population (19-64) of NY-21 is employed providing health care to their neighbors.
- It is estimated that a significant percentage of the revenue earned by hospitals and all other health care providers in NY-21 comes from Medicaid reimbursements much of which is spent locally.

Medicaid also includes the following special programs:

- **CHIP:** Health insurance for children of working families that can't afford it or don't receive health insurance through employment.
- **WIC:** Provides special support for low-income and pregnant women, infants, and children (More than 50% of all childbirths in the North Country are paid for by Medicaid)
- **DISABILITY COVERAGE** for both physical and mental health
- **ACA:** The Affordable Care Act extends Medicaid coverage for the near and working poor who otherwise can't get health insurance.
- **DUAL INSURANCE:** Medicaid combines with Medicare to assure insurance coverage for rehabilitation and certain home care services. Medicaid also pays for residential services at nursing homes (more than 60% of nursing home residents are covered by Medicaid). The North Country reportedly has the second largest percentage of elderly residents in the nation

(**SNAP:** Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program “food stamps” is not part of Medicaid, but is used by many people on Medicaid.)



\$880 billion in cuts to Medicaid are being proposed nationally over the next ten years as part of the current Federal 2025-6 budget discussions. In NY-21 this will result in:

- 55,000 NY-21 residents will lose coverage. They will delay care, be sicker when they do seek care, use emergency rooms more frequently, and be hospitalized more frequently and be more likely to die. They will have unpaid medical bills and be more likely to go into bankruptcy.
- Hospitals, clinics, and nursing homes will have fewer staff, offer fewer services, and accumulate more unpaid debt. This will affect all patients, not just those who lost their Medicaid.
- Decreased availability and quality of health care will make the North Country less attractive to people considering moving here, including businesses and primary and second home buyers. Home values and tax revenues may drop, and tax rates rise.
- Some hospitals, nursing homes, clinics, and other offices and healthcare businesses may well be forced to close.
- Patients may have to travel much further to get care, especially pregnant women.
- Between 3200 and 5200 healthcare jobs may be lost in NY-21.

- \$280 million per year will be lost to NY-21 Healthcare. With a multiplier effect of 1.5 to 1.8, this represents a loss of \$420 million to \$500 million annually to the district.
- The State of New York will not be able to make up the federal losses without further draconian cuts or tax raises.
- Any fraud, waste, and abuse needs to continue to be addressed but will not justify \$880 billion in cuts.

There are many different ways that these tax cuts may be implemented. Each will affect the North Country differently. Nevertheless, the size of these cuts will have a tremendous impact.

WHAT CAN WE DO?

Smaller, more carefully considered changes in Medicaid funding may be justifiable. But cut, don't gut Medicaid.

- Individuals can talk to their neighbors, friends, relatives and elected representatives to let them know how concerned they are about the impact of these cuts.
- Individuals can write letters to local newspapers, and elected representatives.
- Town board members can ask for a town resolution to be passed, outlining the serious impact of the cuts on our citizens, towns, villages and counties.
- Town board members can call and write to our federally elected representatives
- County supervisors can also pass a resolution expressing their concerns.
- County supervisors can also call and write to our federally elected representatives.

Category	New York State (2024)	NY-21 (Congressional District 21)
Total Population	19,700,000	770,000
Medicaid/CHIP Enrollment	6,800,000 (34% of population)	215,000 (28% of population)
– Children (0–18)	2,450,000 (13% of population)	65,000 (12% of population)
– Non-Disabled Adults	4.1 million (21% of population)	130,000 (17% of population -many low-income workers)
– Individuals with Disabilities	620,000 (3.5% of population)	25,000 (3% of population)
– Elderly (65+)	890,000 (4.5% of population)	35,000 (4.6% of population)
SNAP (Food Stamps) Enrollment	2.8 million individuals; ~1.6 million households (statewide)	85,000 individuals; ~45,000 households estimated 40% (same as state)
WIC Participation	400,000 participants (women, infants, children)	A few thousand (estimated across district counties)
Uninsured Rate	5% (record low, due to ACA coverage)	5–6% (varies by county; rural areas slightly higher)