



ERIE COUNTY COMPTROLLER

HON. STEFAN I. MYCHAJLIW

June 26, 2020

Honorable Erie County Legislators
Erie County Legislature
92 Franklin Street, 4th Floor
Buffalo, New York 14202

Dear Honorable Members,

As part of a COVID-19 relief measure passed by Congress and signed into law by the President, federal Medicaid assistance was increased. The effect of this on Erie County is that our weekly Medicaid obligation to New York State will be reduced. New York State is now in receipt of this allocation and has adjusted Erie County's Medicaid payments accordingly. The reductions will be effective beginning with the June 30, 2020 payment.

The following is a schedule of payments and the savings Erie County will realize with these new, lower payments:

Payment Date	Old Payment	New Payment	Savings
6/30/2020	\$3,837,436.00	\$3,389,528.00	\$447,908.00
7/7/2020	\$3,837,436.00	\$3,389,528.00	\$447,908.00
7/14/2020	\$3,837,436.00	\$3,389,528.00	\$447,908.00
7/21/2020	\$3,837,436.00	\$3,389,528.00	\$447,908.00
7/28/2020	\$3,837,436.00	\$3,389,528.00	\$447,908.00
8/4/2020	\$3,837,436.00	\$3,389,528.00	\$447,908.00
8/11/2020	\$3,837,436.00	\$3,389,528.00	\$447,908.00
8/18/2020	\$3,837,436.00	\$3,389,528.00	\$447,908.00
8/25/2020	\$3,837,436.00	\$3,389,528.00	\$447,908.00
9/1/2020	\$3,837,436.00	\$3,389,528.00	\$447,908.00

9/8/2020	\$3,837,436.00	\$3,389,528.00	\$447,908.00
9/15/2020	\$3,837,436.00	\$3,389,528.00	\$447,908.00
9/22/2020	\$3,837,436.00	\$3,389,528.00	\$447,908.00
9/29/2020	\$3,837,436.00	\$3,389,528.00	\$447,908.00
10/6/2020	\$3,837,436.00	\$3,389,528.00	\$447,908.00
10/13/2020	\$3,837,436.00	\$3,389,528.00	\$447,908.00
10/20/2020	\$3,837,436.00	\$3,389,528.00	\$447,908.00
10/27/2020	\$3,837,436.00	\$3,389,528.00	\$447,908.00
11/3/2020	\$3,837,436.00	\$3,389,528.00	\$447,908.00
11/10/2020	\$3,837,436.00	\$3,389,528.00	\$447,908.00
11/17/2020	\$3,837,436.00	\$3,389,528.00	\$447,908.00
11/24/2020	\$3,837,436.00	\$3,389,528.00	\$447,908.00
12/1/2020	\$3,837,436.00	\$3,389,528.00	\$447,908.00
12/8/2020	\$3,837,436.00	\$3,389,528.00	\$447,908.00
12/15/2020	\$3,837,436.00	\$3,389,528.00	\$447,908.00
12/22/2020	\$3,837,436.00	\$3,389,528.00	\$447,908.00
12/29/2020	\$3,837,436.00	\$3,389,528.00	\$447,908.00
Total	\$103,610,772.00	\$91,517,256.00	\$12,093,516.00

These savings are helpful to address the effects of the revenue shortfalls resulting from COVID-19 social distancing measures enacted by New York State. However, they do not equal the \$24,200,000 in savings anticipated by your honorable body when approving your deficit reduction plan. The main reason is that the State is continuing its policy of withholding 20% of the benefit from Counties. The reason they give for withholding 20% is that they will reconcile later. It is unclear how this will affect 2020 financials.

You may wish to address the \$11,732,318 shortfall, arrived at after adjusting for payments already made, in future actions.

As always, our office stands ready to assist in any deficit reduction efforts. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'GG Gach', written in a cursive style.

Gregory G. Gach
Deputy Comptroller

Cc: ECFSA

Robert Keating, Director, Erie County Budget and Management