
NEW YORK

Nicole Jorwic

From: Linda G Campbell [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, July 20, 2017 8:31 AM
To: Nicole Jorwic
Subject: NEW YORK STATE

Medicaid Matters to Me! It is vital to keep this option for people who are in need!!! Don't take it away!

Let's look at all the other health plans of other government workers and officials who are working and retired collapse all the plans together so that the money is ***distributed to ALL*** not a select group who worked in government and why do government workers deserve better benefits than the rest of us!!! You are talking about our lives when we are in need of support!

Make America Great Again by be fair and equal to all!!!

Linda G. Campbell, Director of Marketing and Employment Services
The Arc of Dutchess

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From: Joan Sczerba [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, July 20, 2017 7:59 AM
To: Nicole Jorwic
Subject: NEW YORK STATE

MEDICAID MATTERS TO ME!

Joan Sczerba, Transitional Coordinator
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From: Evelyn Flavin [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, July 20, 2017 7:53 AM
To: Nicole Jorwic
Subject: NEW YORK STATE

Medicaid matters to me. The supports we provide to individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities as well as the elderly and the disadvantaged is vital, literally, to their survival. Our most vulnerable citizens cannot withstand losing the supports they need to live physically and mentally healthy lives.

Evelyn A. Flavin, Executive Secretary

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Nicole Jorwic

From: Melanie Brazil [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, July 19, 2017 10:29 PM
To: Nicole Jorwic
Subject: New York state, Better care reconciliation act

I am writing about the latest revisions to the bill, which do not change the devastating cuts to the Medicaid program that over 10 million people with disabilities rely on to live and work in their communities.

My son has intractable epilepsy and global developmental delays. He also has an autism diagnosis. Medicaid is crucial for my son's life. Living with a person with serious developmental disabilities and daily seizures is extremely challenging and requires home help every day. In addition, this way of life is extremely challenging for the rest of the family, and the respite that is covered by medicaid is also crucial to the survival of our family.

Please do not take funds from this most vulnerable community. Our special precious people cannot speak for themselves and our politicians should be our partners in helping to protect Medicaid on their behalf.

Thank you for your attention

Melanie Brazil

[REDACTED]
mother to 9 year old boy with epilepsy, global developmental delays, autism

Nicole Jorwic

From: 1-609 [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, July 19, 2017 9:03 PM
To: Nicole Jorwic
Subject: medicaid

Dear Nicole Jorwic Arc of the United States, My name is Trudy Perkins I am the mother of my Son James DelRossi 27 who in 2004 my son had Brain and Spinal cord Cancer .Previous before that my Husband had neck Cancer ,At that time we had our lives changed in an instance .We were told we had to go to NYU Medical Center .Were I lived at Ronald McDonald House for the next 1 1/2 years. I had to go on Medicaid quit my job times were very tight.. Without Medicaid My son would not be alive today .I could never afford the expensive treatment .And medicine that he takes to survive.~~I am very afraid that with the new plans Trump is purposing with Healthcare there talking about cutting back medicare and medicaid .~~I already saw a change when I went to get my sons glasses they used to give a \$104.00 now its \$19.00 my son has a parcially blind right eye due to the Tumor damaging the eye so he needs special glasses .I had to put out money I couldn't afford .I this helps you understand the impact of having this Insurance .Thank You Trudy Perkins

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[REDACTED]

Nicole Jorwic

From: Rozg [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, July 19, 2017 6:59 PM
To: Nicole Jorwic
Subject: NYS Medicaid matters to me

Medicaid funds services for my developmentally disabled twin sister Shelley Goldmacher:

- through supported employment (job coaching) Shelley works part time in competitive employment-contributing to the economy, giving herself a real sense of self-worth ,and constantly improving her skills
- Shelley receives assistance under the community habilitation program where aides help her with daily living skills, self improvement, participation in social , philanthropic and community activities and in other ways help her to remain independent in the community.

Shelley is an independent contributing member of our society due in large part to Medicaid funding.



Sent from my iPhone
Roslyn D. Goldmacher



Nicole Jorwic

From: Wendy Silvera [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, July 19, 2017 9:29 AM
To: Nicole Jorwic
Subject: New York

My brother who is developmentally disabled has recently been diagnosed with Asthma. Before it was under control we had many trips to the ER. Medicaid cuts would be devastating to our family.

Wendy Silvera
[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone

Nicole Jorwic

From: Cindy Myers [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, July 19, 2017 9:27 AM
To: Nicole Jorwic
Subject: New York State

I am sending this in response to the possibility of Medicaid being cut to those with Developmental Disabilities. This money covers most all of vital health care services. These services allow individuals the best possible way to live a healthy life, both mentally and physically. As a RN working for the ARC of Seneca Cayuga, I have witnessed this for 16 years. Cuts would be devastating, and result in loss of quality of life.

Cindy Myers, RN

Arc of Seneca Cayuga

Cindy Myers

Program Nurse



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Nicole Jorwic

From: Dawn Chasse [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, July 18, 2017 7:10 PM
To: Nicole Jorwic
Subject: New York

Medicaid matters to me.

My name is Dawn Chasse. I am the parent and service provider to many individuals with developmental disabilities. I am writing to ask you to oppose any legislation that would cut or cap Medicaid. Medicaid funds 90% of essential services for people with developmental disabilities. Medicaid cuts or caps would seriously endanger this population.

~~Please ensure my son, and the many I work with will have access to the excellent quality health services to which they are entitled.~~

Thank you,
Dawn Chasse
Parent/Behavior Specialist
Arc of Seneca Cayuga
[REDACTED]
Auburn, NY [REDACTED]
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Nicole Jorwic

From: Rachel Aloyo [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, July 18, 2017 11:23 AM
To: Nicole Jorwic
Subject: MEDICAID MATTERS TO ME

I sincerely hope that Thrump care act does not go through. It is unrealistic, I have two brothers that are mentally disabled and live with two separate agencies. YAI and AHRC. They will need care for the rest of their lives and unfortunately both my parents are deceased, I am not rich, I am retired on a fixed income and without Medicaid and Medicare, my brothers lives would be devastated, what would become of them??

As it is these two agencies have already faced cuts, and are understaffed. In order for my brother to go to summer camp (which he looks forward to all year) I have to pay in order for him to go. Not to mention people with psychiatric and drug problems. This country will see more homeless than ever, if these treatments are not available. It will start to look like a third world country. Please don't allow this senseless bill pass.

Sincerely Rachel Aloyo

Nicole Jorwic

From: Cantrell Smith [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, July 17, 2017 6:14 PM
To: Nicole Jorwic
Subject: New York

To whom it may concern

My name is Cantrell Smith and I am requesting that you help save Medicaid for people with disabilities. I'm a mother of a son with autism and my son Nickholas depends on Medicaid for his health care. This new law hurts people who has autism and disabilities. There are definitely others like myself that also depends on Medicaid for their health concerns ~~such as being dietabic or having asthma. We as a family asked that you plead for us in saving Medicaid not just for us but~~ for the millions or thousands that depends on Medicaid. Medicine is not cheap it's really expensive Hell some of the co-pays are definitely sometimes hard for some to pay but with Medicaid those co-pay gets cut down please don't let this law pass. We truly do depend on it. I would like to take this time to thank you for reading my letter and thank you for any help you can provide. My family and I really do appreciate the effort you are definitely going to put into this. Hope you enjoy the rest of your day and stay safe and blessed.

Sincerely,

Cantrell Smith

Nicole Jorwic

From: Sarah Clarke [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, July 17, 2017 6:02 PM
To: Nicole Jorwic
Subject: New York State

Dear Senator:

Medicaid Matters To Me. As a physician and a parent of two young girls with developmental disabilities I am deeply concerned over any cuts to Medicaid funding. My girls' future care and well-being depends on Medicaid provided services.

Any cuts to Medicare expenditures will have a disastrous effect on the lives and health of all people living with disabilities.

Sincerely,
Sarah Clarke, MD



Nicole Jorwic

From: meenakshi bhuvaneswar [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, July 17, 2017 3:04 PM
To: Nicole Jorwic
Subject: medicaid cuts

Dear Senator, I am the parent of a person with a disability , who depends on many of his services , on Medicaid . Like many other adults with disabilities he needs Medicaid for special services including therapy , housing etc . It will be devastating for many disabled people in Nys to lose or have a reduction of these critical services. ' We all hope that you will vote to prevent this from happening.

Thanking you ,

Sincerely

Meena Bhuvan
Queens , ny 11354

Nicole Jorwic

From: Lourdes Marzan [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, July 17, 2017 2:57 PM
To: Nicole Jorwic
Subject: Medicaid Matters to Me (New York)
Attachments: Vic Associate of the Month.jpg; AHRC Holiday Party.JPG; Victor with Santa.JPG

Dear Senators Schumer and Gillibrand,

My name is Lourdes Marzan. I'm the mother of a 38-year old man with Downs Syndrome. Victor Kiuchi receives benefits from programs supported by Medicaid. As a developmentally disabled person, Victor is able ~~to be a fully functioning member of society because of the services provided by agencies supported by~~ Medicaid.

With the cuts in Medicaid being proposed as part of the NOT Affordable Care Act (whatever it's called) who knows if Victor's Supported Employment Program provided by QCP (Queen's Center for Progress) will be able to continue it's work. Today, with their support, Victor is a bagger at Stop & Shop in Glendale. He will celebrate his 17th anniversary at Stop & Shop on Aug. 2. See picture that proves how proud and capable he is as an employed citizen only through the help of QCP's Supported Employment Program.

He also attends a day habilitation program at Shield Institute, where he is taught how to be independent and a responsible citizen. He finds joy and fulfillment in his participation in social activities at Shield. How can the government now threaten to deprive him of these basic pleasures. He has no other way of socializing with his peers except through Medicaid supported agencies such as Shield Institute and AHRC. See pictures from Christmas party organized by Queens AHRC.

Senators, please do what you can to influence your peers to vote NO to the health care act being proposed by the Republican dominated Senate. And thank you with all my heart for your unflagging support for Victor and other developmentally disabled citizens of this country.

Sincerely,
Lourdes Marzan

Nicole Jorwic

From: Amy Anderson [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, July 17, 2017 2:55 PM
To: Nicole Jorwic
Subject: Why Medicaid matters to me!

My mother was cared for in a nursing home for 3 years which was paid for by Medicaid.

Medicaid is a MAJOR source of medical care in my hometown, Jamestown NY and MANY working class people there would not get healthcare and MANY would lose jobs in the healthcare industry if the Senate cuts go through!!

Healthcare jobs are some of the few legitimate ones left in the Rust Belt. Without Medicaid, these jobs would be gone!!

--
Amy Anderson

Nicole Jorwic

From: Tauheedah Muwwakkil [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, July 17, 2017 2:43 PM
To: Nicole Jorwic
Subject: New York/ Medicaid letter

Medicaid matters to me and my family. My son is 11 years old and was diagnosed 4 years ago as autistic /Oppositional defiant which causes him to have emotional and social disabilities. This process have been very long, drawn out, difficult and heartbreaking for myself and his father. Also, please note our son was one of the top students academically in his classes but due to his disability having a drastic empowerment over him-caused his behavior to alter and as result landed him being expelled from 2 schools. We lost everything in aiding our child with his disability and as result had to ~~rely on Medicaid.~~

Medicaid have been a lifesaver and blessing for my child and family. He's now able to receive all the services, therapy and evaluations needed in order to aid with his disability. Also, he was granted the opportunity to attend a well respected private specialized school. Medicaid has been an enormous help! If we didn't have Medicaid there's no way we'd be able to afford care or have our son attend the proper school setting that's helped him to transition and grow. Please think about all the families who have loved ones that literally rely on Medicaid for the betterment of their lives!

Sincerely,
Tauheedah

Sent from my iPhone

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Nicole Jorwic

From: Dot Cates [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, July 17, 2017 2:39 PM
To: Nicole Jorwic
Subject: New York State

Hi There -

This morning I already sent postcards to both my U.S. Senators as well as Senator McConnell on this very issue, as well as putting out a heartfelt plea on social media to urge others to do the same. I am the mom of an amazing little boy with developmental delays. Since he was a baby, he has received critical intervention services in speech, occupational and physical therapy and social skills. Today he is 8 years-old and currently attends the Parkside School where he is in a class with 8 children and two adults. His school is a funded nonpublic, so we receive his tuition from the NYC DOE, but his therapies are in large part supplemented by Medicaid dollars as the school relies on Medicaid for much of its funding and to remain a solvent school that can be socioeconomically diverse.

I am incredibly concerned about the health care bill. In short, this health care bill is truly a disaster. It puts us back in a position where people with preexisting conditions can be discriminated against by insurance companies. It penalizes adults for aging with an age tax. It takes coverage away from the poor, the disabled, and children with delays and disabilities.

For me, perhaps the most significant concern is how it will impact our son, who relies on Medicaid dollars to supplement the therapies he receives at school. The end goal is to get this child to a point as he enters adulthood where he is a productive, contributing member of society. We have every hope that with these intensive services as a child and with the support of his family, we will get there. What will happen if these services are taken away?

To give you a sense of what these kind of therapies cost, a weekly 45 minute session at a sensory gym costs \$120 and it is completely out of pocket until we meet our \$2,000 insurance deductible, and even then, we only receive 80% coverage. Oliver currently receives OT at school 2x per week, speech 3x per week, and social group 2x per week. There is no way as a family we could afford that. We consider ourselves lucky that we can provide him with the weekly supplement of OT 1x per week. And if this new health care bill becomes law, this coverage might be affected. I mean, global delays are a preexisting condition, right? They have existed since he was in utero. Coverage could be denied for his therapies so the extra cost could become completely out of pocket, even after we meet our deductible.

I know how the health care bill will affect me, how it will affect our family, how it will affect our son. Reducing my son's intervention services in childhood due to the decimation of Medicaid will certainly diminish his potential as an adult. Rather than becoming an independent, productive and contributing member of society, he could eventually become a member of society that relies on ongoing financial support from the government - because the government decided he wasn't worth investing in.

In case you need to see the face of someone who will be deeply harmed by this health care bill, I give you the face of my beautiful boy, and I give you the faces of our family. Please, for his sake, for the sake of all of our kids, please resist this health care bill - please support Medicaid spending, please support my son.

Thanks for reading, and thanks for resisting. My amazing little boy thanks you too.

Best,

Dot Cates

[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY [REDACTED]



Nicole Jorwic

From: Kara Bennett [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, July 17, 2017 11:52 AM
To: Nicole Jorwic
Subject: New York Medicaid Cuts

Please do not cut Medicaid. As a person that has worked in the Human Service Field for 20 years I see what Medicaid means to the families that are supported by the services of the Arc. I started working in sheltered work shops in the 1990s, while going to college. It was a place for people that didn't have the skills to work in the community to obtain a paycheck, socialize with peers, and feel proud of a job well done.

After graduation I worked as an Employment Specialist where I assisted people find jobs in the community. I went to their job site and helped train them beyond their normal on-the-job training provided by an employer. I also supported them throughout the time they were employed in extended services. With out the additional support most people would not have been successful working in the community.

Currently I work in The Arc's Respite programs. Respite supports families that have children at home. And not just children that are 18 and under. Families are caregivers to people that are adults, with fewer options for residential placements, people with developmental disabilities are living with aging parents, which drives up the need for respite even more. Respite is a service for the caregiver but there are many benefits to the person with the developmental disability. Our respite funding allows people we support to socialize with peers with dances, we go to out to dinner, movies, concerts and produce a full length musical, entirely casted by people with disabilities.

We have come so far in the rights of people with disabilities. Please do not let us go back to the times of institutions where people did not have a voice or could thrive in their communities.

This is what cuts to Medicaid look like,
ending employment programs,
taking away paychecks for people we support,
lack of respite for families,
closing of small human services agencies,
unemployment of many direct support professionals and program facilitators.

Kara Bennett

Community Respite Programs Manager
The Arc, Oneida-Lewis Chapter, NYSARC
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