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NEW REPORTS EXPOSE THE TRUTH BEHIND THE GOP HEALTHCARE CUTS

Citizens demand audits proving GOP claims of millions of children, mentally ill adults, and pregnant women "cheating the system"

The good government nonprofit organization, [Deceived Nation](#), held a press conference today to challenge the official narrative surrounding the Republican healthcare cuts. At the event, Deceived Nation issued [reports](#) that translate technical healthcare jargon into simple explanations for who is responsible for the cuts, how and when the cuts are being implemented, and the direct and indirect impacts of those cuts - nationally and locally. Co-written with input from physicians, the reports cover Medicaid, Medicare, and the Affordable Care Act Premium Tax Credits, and are fully sourced.

Despite political rhetoric claiming the sweeping GOP cuts target waste, fraud and abuse, independent nonpartisan data reveals the cuts are overwhelmingly falling on vulnerable, everyday Americans rather than "fraudsters." The 14 million people projected to lose health insurance in the next 10 years are individuals facing difficult health challenges and insurmountable bureaucratic barriers.

The impacts on New York are particularly devastating. Over 1.5 million New Yorkers face the loss of their healthcare coverage and NY hospitals and providers will lose \$8 billion annually, eliminating nearly 63,000 jobs. Emergency rooms face severe overcrowding as newly uninsured residents seek necessary care; while the financial strain threatens to force institutions to downsize operations, eliminate critical services like maternity care and psychiatric treatment, or close entirely, placing \$14.4 billion in local economic activity at risk.

In Nassau, these devastating impacts are exacerbated by the medical brain drain resulting from County Executive Bruce Blakeman's broken promise of a world-class NYU Langone hospital, while Nassau's only public hospital is in recovery from his hand-picked former administrator's corruption.

"There's a massive deception being perpetrated on the American people," said **Jody Kass**, President of Deceived Nation. "If Republicans truly cared about waste, fraud and abuse, they would go after the corporations and bad actors who commit 99.9% of healthcare fraud, not punish hospitals, frontline healthcare workers, and the vulnerable patients who depend on them with across-the-board cuts."

"Since the #OneBigUglyBill became law a year ago, over 3 million people have already lost their health care coverage because they couldn't afford the new, sky-high premiums for their Affordable Care Act coverage and so they were forced to drop it," said **Mark Hannay**, Director of Metro New York Health Care for All, and Coordinator of Health Care for America Now's New York State Network. "Here in New York,

450,000 people were booted off their Essential Plan coverage on July 1st, and many became uninsured. Our next Congress must reverse these cuts.”

Dr. Susan Shmoys, a retired Maternal Fetal Medicine physician, said: “Medicaid and Medicare cuts hurt everyone, not just the recipients, as hospitals close and premiums increase. Nassau’s only public hospital (NUMC) has already closed its maternity ward.”

“Nassau County is a microcosm of America today, becoming a stark example of what happens when politics is put before people,” said **Claudia Borecky**, President of the South Shore Women’s Alliance and a strategist and advisor with Deceived Nation. “Replacing health-care management experts with political cronies is undermining Nassau’s only public hospital. While millions are spent fighting culture wars, residents are paying the price: NUMC has stopped delivering babies, Nassau’s only domestic violence center has closed, and NYU Langone is shrinking its hospital and pulling its medical school out of Mineola.

“There is waste, fraud and abuse in Medicaid, but in Nassau County, the abuse is coming from the politicians running the system, not from the people who depend upon it for their healthcare or their jobs,” said Glen Cove resident **Paula Frome**, a member of the Deceived Nation Strategy Committee. “What’s lurking behind Blakeman’s incompetence: the guarantee by taxpayers of the hospital bond and the \$100 million hole Nassau will be facing if our only public hospital goes under.”

Larry Lamendola, Co Chair of the Levittown Community Action Coalition and President of the Wantagh Lions Club, said: “The opioid settlement fund should be a lifeline for people battling substance use disorder who are at risk of losing medicaid - not something Blakeman can divert for other purposes.”

Check out these [photos](#) from today’s press conference.

See Deceived Nation’s [Video: Why is Your Healthcare About to Cost More?](#)

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