Board of Supervisors Calls on State Leaders to Keep Zero Percent Medicaid Growth Cap

Geneseo, NY, March 11, 2020 — The Livingston County Board of Supervisors passed a resolution at its meeting on March 11, 2020 opposing Governor Cuomo’s proposed Medicaid Cap changes and calling on State leaders to preserve the Zero Percent Medicaid Growth Cap.

The resolution outlines the Board of Supervisors’ opposition to changing the Medicaid Cap, stating that any significant changes will negatively impact the County’s fiscal health and make it difficult for the County to comply with the local property tax cap. Among the Governor’s proposed changes to the Medicaid Cap are:

- Capping the amount of savings received by Counties under the Affordable Care Act’s federal Medicaid match savings program;
- Penalizing Counties that override the property tax cap by shifting full Medicaid Growth Payments onto their budgets; and
- Shifting any local share of Medicaid cost growth above 3% on to Counties.

“The Governor’s proposed changes to the local Medicaid Cap could negatively impact Livingston County’s fiscal health,” said Board Chairman and Avon Town Supervisor David
LeFeber. “It is vitally important that the State Legislature and the Governor listen to the Counties across the State that are speaking up and showcasing the negative impacts of the proposed Medicaid Cap changes. Passage of this resolution is just one part of the County’s efforts to highlight the impacts of the Governor’s plan. The County leadership has already met with the State Legislative Delegation and has taken part in an advocacy trip to discuss the issue with Senators Charles Schumer and Kirsten Gillibrand in Washington D.C.”

More information on the Governor’s proposed changes to the local Medicaid Cap can be found at the New York State Association of Counties (NYSAC) website.