



**Ned Lamont**  
GOVERNOR  
STATE OF CONNECTICUT

May 19, 2025

The Honorable Martin M. Looney  
President Pro Tempore  
Connecticut State Senate  
State Capitol  
Hartford, Connecticut 06106

The Honorable Matthew Ritter  
Speaker of the House of Representatives  
Connecticut General Assembly  
State Capitol  
Hartford, Connecticut 06106

Dear President Looney and Speaker Ritter:

Pursuant to Article XXVIII of the Amendments to the Connecticut Constitution and Section 2-33a of the Connecticut General Statutes, I am submitting the enclosed Declaration of the Existence of Extraordinary Circumstances for acknowledgment by the General Assembly.

As detailed in the enclosed declaration, the Department of Social Services has projected a \$284 million deficiency in the Medicaid program for Fiscal Year 2025. Without immediate legislative action, the state will be unable to make timely payments to health care providers serving over 900,000 Connecticut residents who rely on Medicaid for their health care coverage. This threatens access to critical medical services, risks worsened health outcomes, and exposes the state to federal financial penalties and the potential loss of federal matching funds.

Given the available projected General Fund surplus and the pending provisions of House Bill 6863, I have determined that it is both reasonable and prudent to authorize this expenditure from unappropriated resources of the General Fund. Accordingly, I submit this declaration for your acknowledgment in accordance with Section 2-33a, to exempt this necessary expenditure from the general budget expenditure cap for Fiscal Year 2025.

I respectfully urge the General Assembly to take prompt action to acknowledge this declaration to ensure the continued delivery of health care services to Connecticut's most vulnerable residents.

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Please do not hesitate to contact my office should you have any questions or require further information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ned Lamont", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Ned Lamont  
Governor

Enclosure:

Declaration of the Existence of Extraordinary Circumstances

cc:   The Honorable Stephen Harding, Senate Republican Leader  
      The Honorable Vincent Candelora, House Republican Leader  
      The Honorable Erick Russell, State Treasurer  
      The Honorable Sean Scanlon, State Comptroller  
      The Honorable Jeffrey Beckham, Secretary, Office of Policy and Management

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT**  
**DECLARATION OF THE EXISTENCE OF EXTRAORDINARY CIRCUMSTANCES**  
**BY HIS EXCELLENCY**  
**NED LAMONT, GOVERNOR**

Pursuant to Article XXVIII of the Amendments to the Constitution of the State of Connecticut and Section 2-33a of the Connecticut General Statutes, I, Ned Lamont, Governor of the State of Connecticut, hereby declare the existence of extraordinary circumstances necessitating expenditures in excess of the general budget expenditure cap for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025.

This declaration is based on the following:

**1. Medicaid Deficiency:**

Despite administrative efforts to control costs and maximize federal reimbursements, the Department of Social Services has projected a deficiency of \$284,000,000 in the Medicaid program for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, due to expenses exceeding appropriated amounts.

**2. Statutory Prohibition on Over-Expenditure:**

Section 4-86(c) of the Connecticut General Statutes prohibits the state from paying amounts in excess of appropriations for a specified program or purpose without legislative action.

**3. Imminent Funding Shortfall:**

On or before May 21, 2025, insufficient appropriations will be available to continue making timely payments to health care providers under the Medicaid program.

**4. Impact on Over 900,000 Residents:**

Medicaid provides health coverage to over 900,000 Connecticut residents, including children, older adults, individuals with disabilities, and low-income families, ensuring access to critical health care services across the state.

**5. Threat to Access to Care, Health Outcomes and Federal Funds:**

Absent immediate action, the state will lack sufficient appropriations by May 21, 2025, to make timely payments to hospitals, physicians, behavioral health providers, nursing homes, and other healthcare professionals, thereby threatening the delivery of medical care and risking worsened health outcomes, increased long-term costs, and loss of federal matching funds.

**6. Availability of Unappropriated Resources:**

The General Fund is projected to end the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, with a surplus in excess of **\$450,000,000**, sufficient to address the Medicaid deficiency.

**7. Pending Legislative Action:**

House Bill 6863, as amended by LCO No. 8700, provides for an additional appropriation of \$284,000,000 to fund the Medicaid deficiency.

Accordingly, I declare that it is reasonable and prudent to expend state resources, in excess of the amount of general budget expenditures allowable under Article XXVIII of the Amendments to the Constitution of the State of Connecticut and Section 2-33a of the Connecticut General Statutes, in the amount of \$284,000,000, as set forth in House Bill 6863, as amended by LCO No. 8700, from the unappropriated resources of the General Fund to address this Medicaid deficiency. Moreover, this additional expenditure shall not be considered general budget expenditures for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, for the purposes of determining general budget expenditures for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026.

This declaration is submitted to the General Assembly for acknowledgment in accordance with **Section 2-33a of the Connecticut General Statutes**.

**Dated at Hartford, Connecticut, this 19th day of May 2025.**



**NED LAMONT**

Governor

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CAPITOL OFFICE  
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