

# Warren County Board of Supervisors

## RESOLUTION NO. 226 OF 2011

**Resolution introduced by Supervisors Thomas, Taylor, Goodspeed, Belden, Monroe, VanNess, Kenny, Merlino and Conover**

**URGING PASSAGE OF LEGISLATION TO ALLOW COUNTIES TO  
DETERMINE WHICH OPTIONAL MEDICAID BENEFITS TO PROVIDE  
(SENATE BILL S.1813/ASSEMBLY BILL A.2285)**

WHEREAS, Medicaid is the single largest expense causing high property taxes in New York State, providing services to people far above the federally recommended poverty level and covering more people and services than required under federal law, and

WHEREAS, a bill, approved in the New York State Senate and pending in the Assembly, would, among other things, authorize local social services districts (counties) to choose which state-required, but not federally-required, Medicaid services to provide to eligible persons, as well as which categories of eligibility to cover, and

WHEREAS, said legislation is a common sense solution that would allow local communities the flexibility to tailor benefits to the needs of their own citizens, and

WHEREAS, passage would make a real difference to decrease New York State's out-of-control property taxes, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Warren County Board of Supervisors hereby urges the New York State Assembly and Governor Cuomo to approve Senate Bill S.1813/Assembly Bill A.2285 allowing counties to determine which optional Medicaid benefits to provide above federally-required standards, and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the County Treasurer, Governor Andrew Cuomo, Senate Majority Leader Dean Skelos, Assembly Speaker Sheldon Silver, Senator Betty Little, Assemblywoman Teresa Sayward, NYS Association of Counties and New York State Commissioner of Social Services, and to each and every other person, institution or agency who will further the purport of this Resolution.