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## NEWS RELEASE

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# Comptroller Antonacci Voices Support for Collins' Amendment

Syracuse, NY – Onondaga County Comptroller Robert E. Antonacci supports Rep. Chris Collins efforts in Medicaid Mandate relief. “Last year I highlighted New York State Medicaid spending as one of the issues which needs to be urgently addressed if Upstate New York is to regain its competitive advantage,” said Antonacci. “Rep. Collins’ Amendment would be a welcome start to getting New York’s finances under control,” said Antonacci.

Comptroller Antonacci wrote a letter to the editor in May 2016 in which he pointed out New York’s disproportionate spending on Medicaid.<sup>1</sup> “Last year we used the Kaiser Family Foundation’s numbers on Medicaid spending which had complete data for 2014. They have since updated the figures for 2015 and it is only getting worse for New York Taxpayers.<sup>2</sup> New York spending per capita has gone up nearly \$300.00, resulting in a grand total of \$59,806,137,548! At \$3,021.15 per resident, that is still more than the conservative bastion of California’s Medicaid spending of \$2,182.62 per resident,” said Antonacci.

Antonacci continued, “Even assuming New York State cut the cited figure of \$2.5 billion from Medicaid, we would still be spending more than \$2,800.00 per resident! No other state even comes close!”

“Proponents of Consensus and consolidation have been telling us for years we need to change the ways we do things so we can see the true cost of government. The Collins’ Amendment would do just that. It would relieve county taxpayers of Albany’s choices. If Albany insists on sustaining Medicaid spending at levels head and shoulders above our peers, then let Albany find the money,” concluded Antonacci.

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<sup>1</sup>[http://www.syracuse.com/opinion/index.ssf/2016/05/onondaga\\_county\\_comptroller\\_merging\\_governments\\_wont\\_save\\_money\\_commentary.html](http://www.syracuse.com/opinion/index.ssf/2016/05/onondaga_county_comptroller_merging_governments_wont_save_money_commentary.html)

<sup>2</sup> <http://kff.org/medicaid/state-indicator/total-medicaid-spending/?currentTimeframe=0&sortModel=%7B%22colId%22:%22Location%22,%22sort%22:%22asc%22%7D>

## Per Capita Medicaid Spending By State

