

The following list for 2024 represents key policy and funding issues MAC and the National Association of Counties (NACo) are pursuing. It is not an exhaustive list of the issues we advocate for on behalf of Michigan's 83 counties.

Full Funding for Payments in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) Program

- **MAC and NACo support restoring full mandatory funding for the Payments in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) program, which compensates counties for untaxable federal land.**
- The Permanently Authorizing PILT Act (H.R. 3043) would permanently authorize the PILT program.
- H.R. 3043 would add boilerplate to U.S. code to permanently and automatically fund PILT.
- The PILT Reauthorization Act (S. 2480) would authorize federal PILT for 10 years.

Reasonable Health Care Cost-sharing for County Jail Inmates

- Access to federal health benefits for non-convicted individuals would allow for improved coordination of care and decrease short-term costs to local taxpayers and long-term costs to the federal government.
- Providing access to federal health benefits for those awaiting trial and verdict decisions would help counties break the cycle of recidivism caused or exacerbated by untreated mental illness and/or substance use disorders, thereby improving public safety.
- While federal legislation to address necessary reforms to the Medicaid Inmate Exclusion Policy (MIEP) is under way, MAC supports requiring the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services to apply for a Medicaid Section 1115 re-entry waiver to reinstate Medicaid benefits for incarcerated individuals prior to release from county jails.

Renewal of the Affordable Connectivity Program

- The Affordable Connectivity Program launched in 2022, which offers discounted broadband service to low-income households, is set to expire in April 2024.
- More than 20 million eligible households have enrolled. Broadband is essential for accessing health care, education, and employment.
- **MAC and NACo urge Congress to extend funding for the program so low-income households can continue accessing the internet at a reduced rate.**

