

The following list for 2025 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.

Oppose Cuts to Medicaid

- Continued funding through the Maintenance of Effort agreed upon by state, federal and local government in 1980 helps County Medical Care Facilities cover their operational costs, allowing them to remain financially stable and continue providing essential care to their patients without facing budget shortfalls or closures.
- Without continued federal Medicaid dollars, counties would have to shoulder more of the cost. Given current financial pressures, such as reduced revenue and budget cuts, this could lead to even more strain on county governments, potentially forcing them to cut other essential services.

Preserve the Tax-Exempt status of Municipal Bonds

- Preserving the tax-exempt status of municipal bonds is essential for counties, which rely on bonds to finance critical infrastructure projects – including roads, bridges, and water systems – without shifting the burden to local taxpayers.
- Between 2012 and 2022, counties, states and local authorities financed \$3.3 trillion in infrastructure investments through tax-exempt bonds, a system that ensures a fair cost-sharing structure between federal and local governments while enabling continued investment in essential public services.

Preserve SNAP and TANF Funds

- Counties play a critical role in the delivery of Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) and Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) resources. Cuts to these programs would put financial strain on counties to provide services and reduce the accessibility and effectiveness of these critical programs.
- Reduced SNAP benefits for roughly 1.2 million residents would have negative impacts on county-level economic activity, forcing counties to spend more on county-run shelters and food programs, potentially costing millions more as poverty rises without federal support.

Quick Facts

More than 2.6 million Michigan residents are enrolled in Medicaid.

Michigan's Medicaid expenditures are approximately \$24 billion, of which the federal government covers \$18.5 billion and the state covers \$5.5 billion.

Local maintenance of effort payments are made by some county-owned facilities to draw down more federal Medicaid dollars.

Counties own and manage 73 percent of Michigan's road miles financed with municipal bonds.