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State Senator Rivera on Trump Administration's Outrageous Decision to Lock Out New York of its Medicaid Reimbursement Portal

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"It is incredibly troubling yet unsurprising that this administration decided to freeze all Medicaid reimbursement portals across the country earlier today. This indefensible decision will carry serious consequences for not only those who rely on Medicaid for their healthcare, which is 1 in 3 New Yorkers, but for struggling healthcare professionals who provide services to some of the most underserved of New Yorkers."

"The White House eventually tried to blame the blackout on an accidental outage but make no mistake that this was part of their decision to illegally freeze all federal funding going to states, which launched chaos nationwide."

"I laud and support Attorney General James for fighting back by immediately bringing legal action against an administration that does not seem to care about jeopardizing the livelihood of already struggling Americans. I am glad she is there doing her part."

"As far as the Legislature and the Executive, we can prepare for further attacks by finding ways to garner more revenue during this budget cycle so we can cover at least some of the federal cuts that we know are coming. To do so, we must not be afraid to tax the wealthy

who historically have not paid their fair share in our state."

"I look forward to fighting that battle on behalf of all New Yorkers in the days and weeks ahead."