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Schumer Study: Upstate New York Veterans Could be Shortchanged Nearly $80 million for VA Health Care

A new Schumer study found that almost 281,648 upstate New York veterans could lose almost $80 million if the proposed budget for the VA Health Service is approved. The Budget provides approximately $31 billion for veterans healthcare, a slightly more than $3.2 billion increase over last year. However, this increase still only accounts for slightly more than half of the $5.7 billion increase it is estimated would be required to allow the VA to meet its core mission and obligations. As a result, veterans' health care will be short by almost $2.5 billion and service could decline nationally.

The Schumer study is based on complete United States Department of Veterans Affairs data from 2004 and 2005.

There are currently **84,849 veterans** living in the **Capital Region**. The **34,302** Capital Region veterans who are enrolled in the VA Health Service could be shortchanged a total of **$8,221,066**.

County	Total Number of Veterans	Estimated Number of Veterans Enrolled in the VA Health Service	Amount of Funding Veterans could be Shortchanged
Albany	23,195	9,377	$3,405,717
Fulton	5,240	2,118	$449,846
Montgomery	4,370	1,767	$390,293
Rensselaer	13,001	5,256	$1,271,802
Saratoga	18,074	7,307	$1,048,945
Schenectady	12,118	4,899	$942,183
Schoharie	2,971	1,201	$338,997
Washington	5,880	2,377	$373,283
Capital Region Total	**84,849**	**34,302**	**$8,221,066**

There are currently **75,591 veterans** living in **Central New York**. The **30,558** Central New York veterans who are enrolled in the VA Health Service could be shortchanged a total of **$9,234,772**.

County	Total Number of Veterans	Estimated Number of Veterans Enrolled in the VA Health Service	Amount of Funding Veterans could be Shortchanged
Onondaga	34,409	13,910	$5,256,578
Oswego	10,741	4,342	$1,336,213
Cortland	3,843	1,554	$353,185
Madison	5,408	2,186	$611,504
Oneida	21,190	8,566	$1,677,292
Central New York Total	**75,591**	**30,558**	**$9,234,772**

There are currently **93,332 veterans** living in the **Rochester-Finger Lakes Region**. The **37,731** Rochester-Finger Lakes veterans who are enrolled in the VA Health Service could be shortchanged a total of **$9,838,048**.

County	Total Number of Veterans	Estimated Number of Veterans Enrolled in the VA Health Service	Amount of Funding Veterans could be Shortchanged
Monroe	51,658	20,884	$3,612,336
Cayuga	7,232	2,924	$658,585
Livingston	5,164	2,088	$671,052
Ontario	8,817	3,564	$2,551,867
Schuyler	1,928	779	$292,085
Seneca	2,970	1,201	$440,015
Tompkins	5,504	2,225	$370,261
Wayne	7,787	3,148	$789,717
Yates	2,272	918	$452,130
Finger Lakes Total	**93,332**	**37,731**	**$9,838,048**

There are currently **156,026 veterans** living in the **Hudson Valley.** The **63,076** Hudson Valley veterans who are enrolled in the VA Health Service could be shortchanged a total of **$19,971,461**.

County	Total Number of Veterans	Estimated Number of Veterans Enrolled in the VA Health Service	Amount of Funding Veterans could be Shortchanged
Westchester	51,895	20,979	$7,965,171
Orange	25,703	10,391	$2,837,910
Columbia	6,126	2,477	$712,238
Dutchess	22,646	9,155	$3,938,895
Greene	4,507	1,822	$648,779
Putnam	7,172	2,899	$659,975
Rockland	16,460	6,654	$1,304,464
Sullivan	6,481	2,620	$711,426
Ulster	15,036	6,079	$1,192,603
Hudson Valley Total	**156,026**	**63,076**	**$19,971,461**

There are currently **52,233 veterans** living in the **North Country**. The **21,116** North Country veterans who are enrolled in the VA Health Service could be shortchanged a total of **$3,168,192**.

County	Total Number of Veterans	Estimated Number of Veterans Enrolled in the VA Health Service	Amount of Funding Veterans could be Shortchanged
Clinton	7,185	2,905	$362,525
St. Lawrence	9,388	3,795	$603,426
Warren	6,803	2,750	$368,852
Essex	4,418	1,786	$266,266
Franklin	4,337	1,753	$227,067
Hamilton	686	277	$51,424
Herkimer	6,251	2,527	$419,234
Jefferson	10,700	4,326	$725,831
Lewis	2,465	997	$143,567
North Country Total	**52,233**	**21,116**	**$3,168,192**

There are currently **59,414 veterans** living in the **Southern Tier**. The **24,019** Southern Tier veterans who are enrolled in the VA Health Service could be shortchanged a total of **$6,513,038**.

County	Total Number of Veterans	Estimated Number of Veterans Enrolled in the VA Health Service	Amount of Funding Veterans could be Shortchanged
Broome	17,204	6,955	$1,027,289
Allegany	4,384	1,772	$625,721
Chemung	8,650	3,497	$1,190,516
Chenango	4,922	1,990	$355,258
Delaware	4,540	1,835	$292,216
Otsego	5,152	2,083	$318,129
Steuben	9,682	3,914	$2,456,357
Tioga	4,880	1,973	$247,552
Southern Tier Total	**59,414**	**24,019**	**$6,513,038**

There are currently **130,693 veterans** living in Western New York. The **52,834** Western New York veterans who are enrolled in the VA Health Service could be shortchanged a total of **$22,872,262**.

County	Total Number of Veterans	Estimated Number of Veterans Enrolled in the VA Health Service	Amount of Funding Veterans could be Shortchanged
Erie	78,254	31,636	$15,835,343
Genesee	5,099	2,061	$1,186,836
Niagara	19,310	7,806	$2,548,222
Orleans	3,583	1,448	$404,471
Wyoming	3,702	1,497	$379,736
Cattaraugus	8,037	3,249	$937,212
Chautauqua	12,708	5,137	$1,580,442
Western NY Total	**130,693**	**52,834**	**$22,872,262**