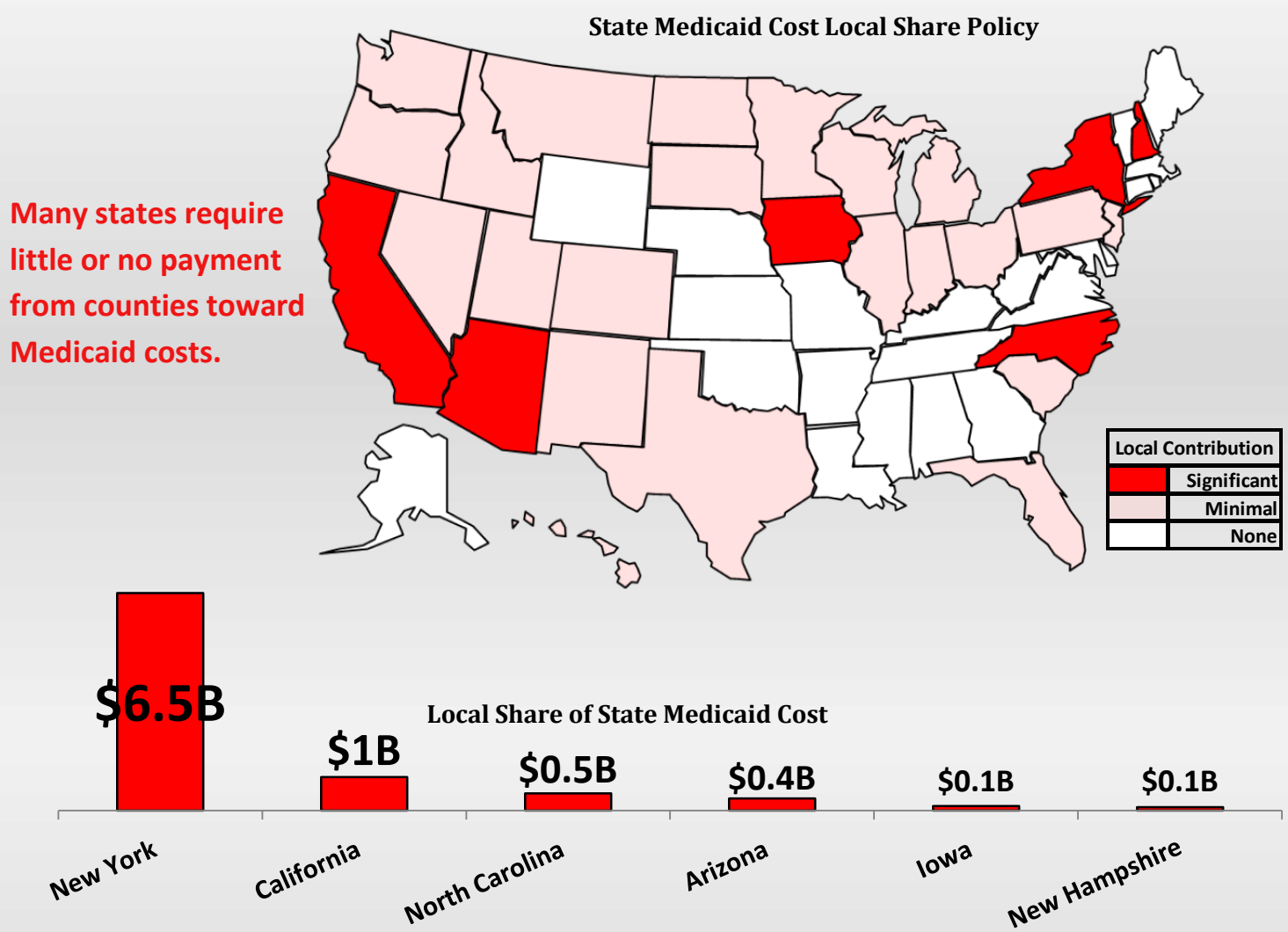


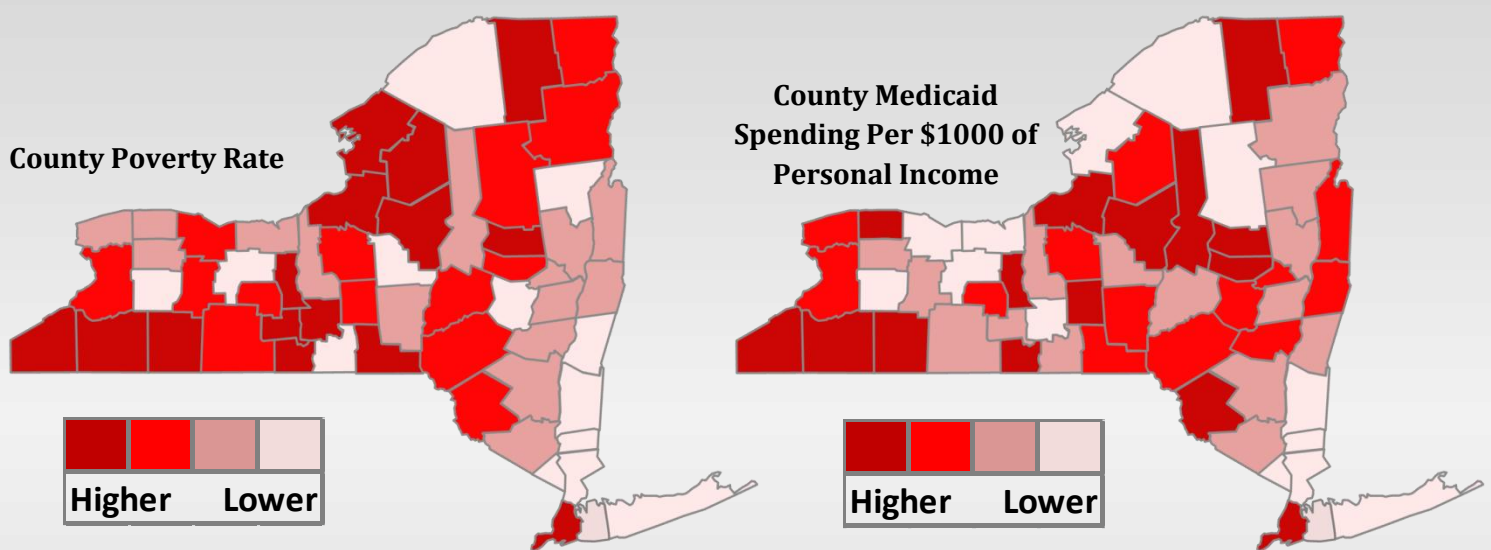
# A Poor Way to Pay for Medicaid



New York's policy of requiring counties to pay a sizable share of Medicaid costs is out of step with other states and results in an inequitable distribution of those costs among taxpayers.

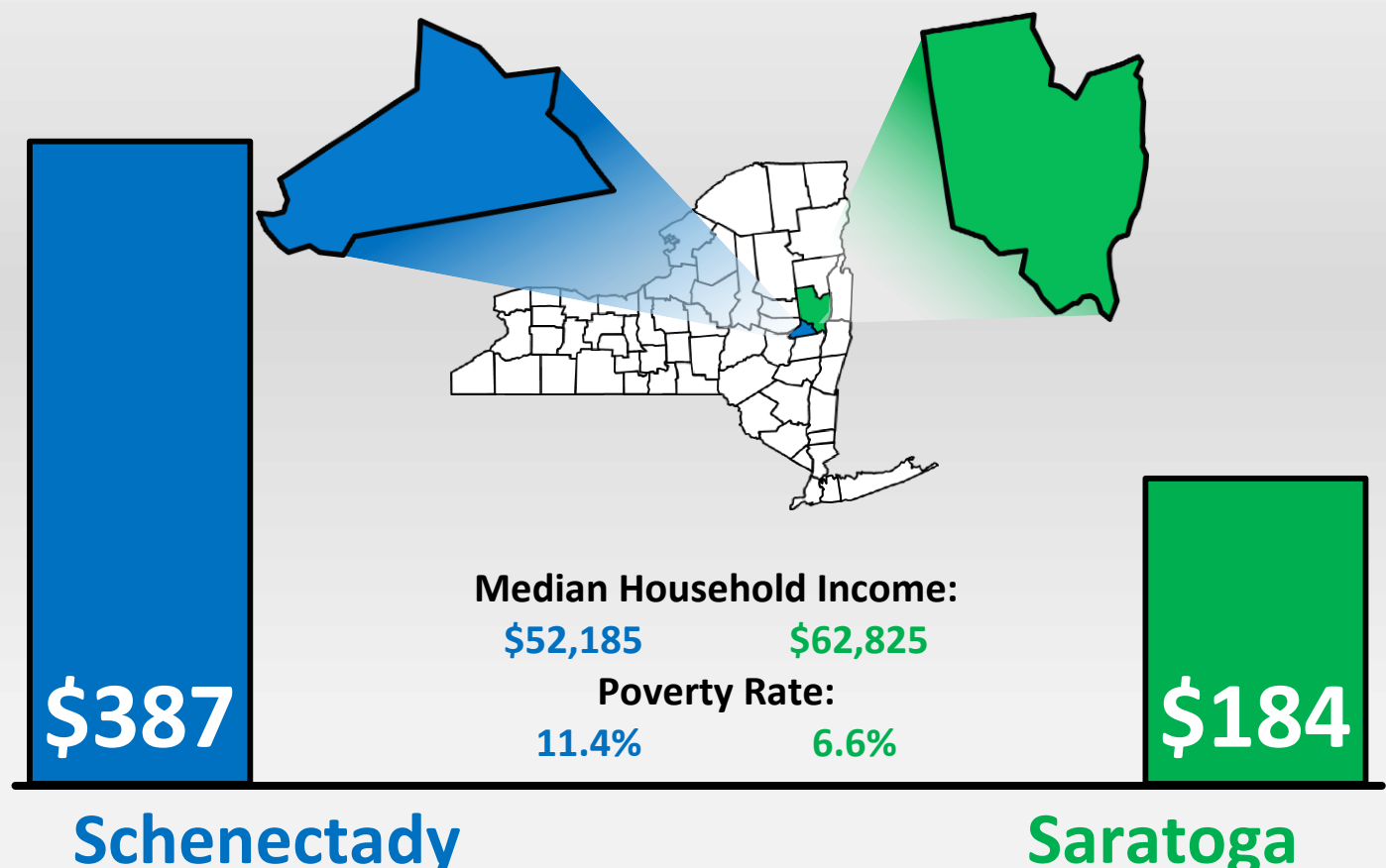


NYS's policy requires counties with larger populations of low income residents to pay more towards Medicaid costs relative to their income.



County	Medicaid Spending per \$1000 of Personal Income	Poverty Rate	Medicaid Spending per \$1000 of Personal Income
<b>Six Highest Counties</b>			
New York City	\$11.07	18.9%	<b>Six Lowest Counties</b>
Allegany	\$7.41	16.7%	
St. Lawrence	\$7.38	16.4%	
Chautauqua	\$7.37	16.2%	
Sullivan	\$7.07	13.9%	
Fulton	\$7.00	16.4%	
Dutchess	\$3.00	7.8%	
Suffolk	\$2.93	5.6%	
Westchester	\$2.65	7.4%	
Saratoga	\$2.46	6.6%	
Nassau	\$2.37	5.0%	
Putnam	\$1.63	6.9%	

What does this mean? Taxpayers with equivalent incomes, but living in different counties, end up paying widely differing amounts on average to Medicaid through their local taxes. The bars below show average local Medicaid cost for taxpayers with \$75,000 annual income in neighboring counties.



The infographic has been adapted from our report [A Poor Way to Pay for Medicaid](#). To find out more about New York State's Medicaid policy visit our website [www.cbcny.org](http://www.cbcny.org)