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POSITIVE HOME CARE BUDGET RESTORATIONS LEAVE MANY PROVIDERS BEHIND

Albany, New York – The New York State Association of Health Care Providers, Inc. (HCP) today thanked the State Legislature and Executive for restoring many of the proposed cuts to home care funding, but expressed disappointment that the trend factor cut to the Personal Care program was not even partially restored, thus making it the only home care program that saw no restorations.

“Home and community-based care faced deep cuts in the Executive budget proposal, and clearly the Governor and Legislative leaders made efforts to restore funding to home care,” said Phyllis A. Wang, HCP President. “My concern lies in that, while funding was found to invest in home care, the allocation of money within the industry failed to reach all types of home care providers.”

Home and community-based care is provided by Licensed Home Care Service Agencies (LHCSAs), Certified Home Health Agencies (CHHAs) and Long Term Home Health Care Programs (LTHHCPs). Home care is a patient-preferred and cost-efficient source of care. Personal Care Program services, which are provided mostly by LHCSAs, are vital to keeping New Yorkers in the comfort of their own home and out of more expensive institutional settings.

The Executive budget proposed a 35% trend factor cut to all home care programs and additional cuts to CHHAs and LTHHCPs. The tentative budget agreement restores funds only to CHHAs and LTHHCPs and does not address the critical needs of LHCSAs providing Personal Care services, particularly those serving patients in Upstate New York.

“Every type of home care provider is important to ensure home and community-based care is accessible,” Wang said. “The agreement restoring funds to CHHAs and LTHHCPs is a step in the right direction, but the 35% trend factor cut to personal care providers was not restored. I am disappointed that the funds were not equitably distributed among all home care providers.”

“HCP appreciates the hard work that went in to restoring home care budget cuts in a financially challenging time and looks forward to continuing to work with the Governor and Legislative leaders to address ongoing inequities in the system and enhance access to home care as the need for these important services grows,” concluded Wang.

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