

STATE BUDGET PRIORITIES

HOME CARE NEEDS A 10% MEDICAID RATE INCREASE

Funding for home care agencies has remained flat for over a decade, while other sectors have seen substantial investments. Recent funding to support targeted wage increases has only been partially passed on to home care agencies, and no funding has been provided for operating home care agencies.

OPPOSE DANGEROUS CUTS AND PROPOSALS FOR CDPAP

REJECT Worker Wage Parity cuts for Personal Assistants. The proposal will cut the income for many Personal Assistants in the Consumer Directed Personal Assistance Program (CDPAP), driving many out of the field.

REJECT the governor's amended HMH Art. VII Part HH legislation in its entirety. Program eligibility determination, care planning, and service hour allocation are already managed by entities contracted or certified by the New York State Department of Health (DOH); this profoundly disrupting proposal is unnecessary and would upend the home care industry, and deprive beneficiaries of care choice.

OPPOSE \$200 MILLION IN CUTS TO MEDICAID LONG TERM CARE

Home care needs funding, not cuts.

INCLUDE S.6963 (Rivera)/A.7335 (Paulin)

Home care needs sustainability and sufficiency. This bill sets regional hourly reimbursement rates and specifies how those rates will be comprised, including direct care-related, operational, and administrative costs. It sets a minimum rate with annual adjustments, bringing predictability and transparency to rate setting. **Any reform to the home care payor structure must include the components of this bill.**

REJECT HOME CARE ABSENT LICENSURE: INCLUDE A.9204 (Paulin)

Reject or amend Part V of HMH Art. VII which makes changes to Public Health Law (Article 36 and Subsection 2805x) that would make it even harder for home care agencies to recruit and retain workers.

Instead, include A.9204 (Paulin). This bill prevents the use of waivers under the hospital-home care-physician collaboration program to circumvent applicable Certificate of Need requirements, and ensure public notice consistent with the State Administrative Procedure Act.

