

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 running home care agencies.

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



Home care needs funding, not cuts. To date, we have not been briefed on either the scope or nature of this cut. We vehemently oppose this and hope to work with you and the Executive to find a better path to efficiency.

OPPOSE CUTS TO WORKER WAGE PARITY FOR CDPAP WORKERS



The elimination of Worker Wage Parity for personal assistants will cut the income for many personal assistants in the Consumer Directed Personal Assistance Program (CDPAP). The result would be the collapse of the CDPAP program, leaving many beneficiaries without the caregiver they have trained and trust.

OPPOSE HOME CARE WITHOUT A LICENSE UNDER ARTICLE 36



Hospitals and other providers have and are allowed to apply for licenses under Article 36. The requirements of hospitals' licenses do not necessarily provide all the quality and protections included in the standards for licensure under Article 36. The requirements for providing care to patients are appropriately delineated under Article 36 including criminal history background checks, wage mandates, and health screenings for employees, among others.

INCLUDE S.6963 (RIVERA) /A.7335 (PAULIN)



This bill defines the elements that will comprise reimbursement rates, including direct care-related payments, reflecting operational expenses necessary to comply with state and federal mandates, and an administrative and general expenses component. It sets a floor under which rates may not fall and provides annual adjustments to reimbursement rates based on a trend factor, thus increasing predictability and transparency in the rate-setting process.