

HCP 2025 Legislative Priorities

Advancing Stability, Accountability & Access in Home Care
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Together, these reforms ensure home care providers can meet rising demand, support their workforce, and continue delivering high-quality care to New Yorkers in need.

We urge the Legislature to pass all three measures without delay.

Repeal of the LHCSA RFO Authority Bill: A8137 (Paulin) / S7874 (Rivera)

Action: Repeals Public Health Law §3605-c, eliminating the Department of Health's unused authority to limit Licensed Home Care Services Agencies (LHCSAs) through a Request for Offers (RFO) process.

Why It Matters:

- Protects Access: Keeps the home care provider network open and responsive to Medicaid needs.
- Prevents Disruption: Avoids repeating the harmful fallout seen with the CDPAP RFO.
- Promotes Smarter Oversight: Supports targeted regulation based on performance—not arbitrary limits.

Transparent & Sustainable Home Care Rates Bill: A1112 (Paulin) / S3599 (Rivera)

Action: Establishes regional minimum base reimbursement rates for home care providers, ensuring transparency and fiscal alignment with wage mandates.

Why It Matters:

- Corrects Underfunding: Aligns reimbursement rates with actual care delivery costs.
- Boosts Workforce Stability: Enables agencies to pay workers fairly while maintaining operations.
- No Fiscal Impact: Uses existing Medicaid funds more effectively and accountably.

Modernized Wage Parity Compliance Bill: A5115 (Stern) / S674 (Martinez)

Action: Replaces outdated audit mandates with an Independent Accountant's Report using Agreed Upon Procedures (AUP), streamlining compliance with wage parity laws.

Why It Matters:

- Reduces Costs: Eliminates the need for full audits, which can cost providers tens of thousands annually.
- Ensures Accountability: Maintains rigorous oversight aligned with professional accounting standards.
- **Supports Smaller Providers:** Makes compliance attainable without diverting resources from patient care.

The New York State Association of Health Care Providers, Inc. (HCP) is a statewide trade association representing the full spectrum of home and community-based care providers through information, advocacy, and education. Through a strong network of regional chapters and an active state office in Albany, HCP is a primary authority of the home health care industry.