

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.

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## 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.

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**Action:** Replaces outdated audit mandates with an Independent Accountant's Report using Agreed Upon Procedures (AUP), streamlining compliance with wage parity laws.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