

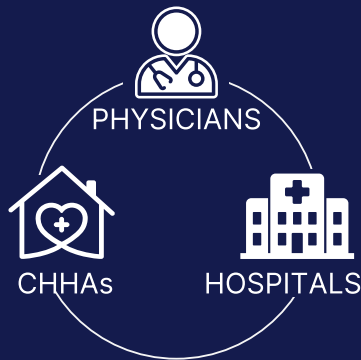
PASS & FUND S.6981-A/A.1493.A STATE AID FOR CERTIFIED HOME HEALTH AGENCY SERVICES TO MEET COMMUNITY NEEDS

FUND AT \$70M STATE/FEDERAL SHARE

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Home Care is healthcare.

CERTIFIED HOME HEALTH AGENCIES IN YOUR COMMUNITY NEED YOUR SUPPORT!



Certified Home Health Agencies (CHHAs)

- Are a core part of the health care delivery system
- Deliver essential health, medical, therapeutic, and life-sustaining care for about a half million NYers - 50% of all NY home care cases.
- Patients are maternal, infant and pediatric; pre- and post-surgical; pre-, post-acute care and rehab; clinically complex; public health; and more.
- Services include: Registered Nurses, Licensed Practical Nurses, Physical/Occupational/Speech Therapists, Nutritionists, Registered Dietitians, Medical Social Workers, Certified Home Health Aides, Remote Patient Monitoring, Care Management, medical supplies, and other supports.

What Needs to be Done

1. Pass and fund in the 2025 state budget, legislation to update the public health law mechanism (Sections 3615) for annual state aid to certified home health agencies to meet community need across all regions of the state. This mechanism and funding are supplemental to the rate process.
2. Essential needs funded in the state aid program include: increased service capacity and access; services to high-risk, high-need and diverse populations; under-served areas and populations; health disparities; recruitment, training and retention of nurses and essential workers; specialized training; technology; and more.
3. This legislation will bring home care into parity with other sectors (e.g. hospitals, clinics) receiving public pool funding outside the rate process for vital public need.

Currently, the majority of NY's CHHAs are functioning well below sustainable fiscal margins, and are without the funding needed for the capacity to meet the current, and substantially rising, demand for care.

58% of CHHAS had a negative operating margin in 2023 across all payors.



20% of NYS CHHAs **have closed** since 2019; **7** of them in the last **2** years alone. Closures have impacted **6,237** patients through **16** upstate counties since January 2024.

CHHAs reported an average accounts receivable of **85 days outstanding.**



20% of CHHAs reported opening a line of credit or tapped investments to pay for operating expenses in 2023.

-26% est. change in home health access from 2019 to 2024 in NYS.

262,038 Medicare enrollees who needed but did not receive home health care 2020 - 2024.

Because CHHAs function as part of the vital continuum of care for patients, CHHA underfunding greatly exacerbates the crisis in the overall health delivery system, including the overcrowding of emergency rooms, difficulty transitioning patients to post-acute service, ability to conduct preventative care in the community, and ability to keep patients out of nursing homes and more. This targeted investment in CHHAs will reduce overall costs in the health care system and improve care and access for patients.

Data sources: HCANYS 2025 State of the Industry Report; and VNS Health 2024 Health Studies

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