

Save Home Healthcare From This Executive Budget!!

Executive Budget Fails Home Healthcare Patients, Workers & Communities

– Reject the Cuts, Reject the Proposals, Fund the System

Home healthcare serves nearly 900,000 patients in NYS. Clinical acuity, complexity and volume of patient and community home care need are rising more than ever, causing urgency in patient access across the health care system. The shortage of home care nurses and aides is at emergency levels. Just one vacant home care nursing position = 25 patient cases unable to be opened and served. Over 50% of home health agencies in NYS are serving at a financial loss. These community agencies are folding including, most recently, the agency serving the largest and most challenging region in the state. For consecutive years, the Executive Budget, while increasing home care responsibilities and wage mandates, and knowing of the rising patient demand, has failed to include sustainable funding for home health services and the hundreds of thousands of patients and communities in need across the state.

❌ 1. Reject the Proposal to Allow Hospital Home Care w/o a Licensed Provider:

- Reject the Executive's proposal to allow unlicensed in-home care by hospitals. Protect NY's laws ensuring that only state and federally licensed home care providers (including duly licensed hospital home care agencies) provide this care.
- Reject proposed changes to the Hospital-Home Care-Physician Collaboration Law (PHL 2805-x) that destabilize and wander from this core structure to allow fragmented, anything-goes models. Keep this critical program intact!

❌ 2. Reject the Executive's Proposed Cuts to Home Care and LTC (est. at over \$1 Billion):

- Reject elimination of Consumer Directed Personal Assistants' (CDPAP) Wage Parity (est.\$200 million), the separation of CDPAP Fiscal Intermediaries (FIs) from a home care agency or Managed Long Term Care Plan (MLTC), elimination of a patient's "designated representative," limit of personal care hours, and new approval process for FIs – which will worsen the health system crisis.
- Reject the rate cut to MLTC (est. \$400 million), the MLTC quality pool cut (est. \$103 million), and MLTC procurement.
- Reject the Executive's general Medicaid cuts (\$400 million).

✅ 3. Stop the Erosion: Fund Home Health!

The budget has failed for consecutive years to provide essential, sustainable funding for Home Health.

Include and fund Assemblywoman Paulin's bill A.7568 in Article VII and Appropriation bills to sustain Certified Home Health Agencies (\$64 million), Hospices (\$16 million) and Licensed Home Care Services Agencies (\$120 million) to meet patient needs, prioritizing:

- Access for patients to come home from hospitals and nursing homes.
- Care of medically complex and intensive community cases.
- Care of underserved and disparate populations.
- Recruitment, retention, training, and safety-protection of home care nurses and staff.
- Collaboration with essential patient care providers.
- Telehealth and applied clinical technology.

Ensure allocations from the \$7.5 billion in new Medicaid 1115 waiver funding to support these structural goals.

Adopt **S.2931-A / A.4583-A, the "New York Home Care First Act**, (by Senator Rivera and Assemblywoman Paulin) in the Article VII Budget Bill, to prioritize and secure home care program support in NYS.

Amend the Executive Budget workforce proposals to ensure they include and address home health workforce needs.

