

How to support New Yorkers with disabilities in the FY2027 Budget



Include the full 2.7% Targeted Inflationary Increase

MODIFY: Health and Mental Hygiene Part P

Increase the TII from 1.7% to 2.7% and Restore Care Coordination Organization Eligibility

The Governor included a 1.7% Targeted Inflationary Increase (TII) for human services providers in her executive budget proposal. However, that investment would not even fully adjust for inflation over the past year. It is essential that the legislature include the full 2.7% TII to appropriately correct rates for inflation, which is the absolute minimum necessary to sustain our system of care. Eligibility for Care Coordination Organizations to receive the TII should be restored to ensure effective planning and cohesive coordination of services and support.



Reinstate Funding for the OPWDD Healthcare Enhancement Program

RESTORE: OPWDD Healthcare Enhancement

Beginning in 2005, nonprofit OPWDD providers received targeted funding to offset rising health insurance costs. Funding for this program was eliminated in 2017. Reinstating that funding will allow nonprofit providers to improve health benefits or reduce out-of-pocket costs for direct care staff. Providing a \$2,500 annual Healthcare Enhancement credit per eligible employee is crucial to support healthcare affordability without further straining agency budgets.



Include Careforce Housing Affordability Initiatives

ESTABLISH: Affordable Housing Opportunities Through Three Careforce Initiatives

Affordable Housing Lottery Preference (S.8676)

Establishes affordable Housing Lottery Preference for direct care staff within state-supported housing programs in their communities.

Employer-Assisted Housing Matching Grant Program (S.8672)

Establishes an Employer-Assisted Housing Matching Grant—providing a 50 percent match, up to \$3,000 per worker annually—to support employees with security deposits, rent support, emergency arrears, or first-time homebuyer costs.

SONYMA Careforce Home Ownership Incentive (S.8675)

Expands access to homeownership for direct care staff through interest rate reductions and down-payment assistance to align with existing incentives for other essential professions.



Enhance the Child and Dependent Care Tax Credit

ACCEPT: Revenue Part A

Enhancing the New York Child and Dependent Care Credit

Accepting the Child and Dependent Care Credit proposed by Governor Hochul would lower out-of-pocket care costs, support workforce participation, and improve financial stability for working families.