



2022-2023 Senate & Assembly One-House Budget Highlights

SENATE

OPWDD

- 5.4% COLA for this year and a 5.4% COLA next year for OPWDD, OMH & OASAS providers
- Amended the \$3,000 Healthcare and Mental Hygiene Worker Bonuses to address the benefits cliff that would have inadvertently made workers ineligible for public assistance – kept this as a one-time bonus
- Statewide Healthcare Facility Transformation Program (SHCFTP) – added OPWDD community-based programs as eligible, carves out 25% for community-based organizations and adds \$400 million for safety net facilities
- Includes underserved populations/DD in Nurses Across NY
- Includes the \$50 million for the Nonprofit Infrastructure Capital Investment Program
- Adds \$2 million in member items
- Extends the credit for companies who provide transportation to individuals with disabilities and includes new language to incentivize companies to adopt accessible e-vehicles
- Extends the Workers with Disabilities credit for three years instead of six years

SED

- \$1.3 million for a Special Education Tuition Rate study & convene a stakeholder workgroup to develop the new rate methodology
- Pause rate reconciliation for 5 years
- Hold harmless for enrollment changes of more than 5%
- Interim Plus Rates beginning with for 2022-23
- \$10 million for special education teacher salaries

DOH

- Repeals MRT #26
- 1% across the board increase for Medicaid including Article 28 clinics, EI
- Repeal of Utilization Thresholds intentionally omitted and restores \$230,000
- Restores \$41.2 million for "provider prevails" in the Medicaid pharmacy benefit
- Provides \$625 million for Fair Pay for Home Care Workers and language to establish a base wage for home care workers at 150 percent of the regional minimum wage and a regional minimum rate of reimbursement for fiscal intermediaries (S.5374-A)
- Omits the Executive proposal to increase the reimbursement rate for private duty nursing and instead establish the State's Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly, repeals MRT #26 & revise rates for medically fragile adults (S.6861, S.6664-A, and S.7513)

- Eliminates the Medicaid resource test and raise the income eligibility for adults age 65 and older and individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities
- Omits the Executive proposal on telehealth and instead advances language to establish parity for health care services delivered via telehealth and expand the list of telehealth providers (S.5505 and S.6846-A)
- Includes a study of the Consumer Directed Personal Care Program and to pause any program changes while such study is underway

Senate does not appear to include:

- DSP refundable personal income tax credit
- Anything for EI beyond the 1% Medicaid increase
- Enhanced rates to prevent students from being placed in out of state residential schools

ASSEMBLY

OPWDD

- \$1.4 billion for an 11% COLA for OPWDD, OMH & OASAS providers
- Includes underserved populations/DD in Nurses Across NY
- Statewide Healthcare Facility Transformation Program includes OPWDD community-based programs.
- The \$3000 bonuses are only for State workers
- \$5 million for the expansion of OPWDD crisis intervention services
- \$2 million for a pilot program for integrated mental hygiene services in State operated facilities

SED

- Tuition Parity Language for 4410, 853 & Special Act schools
- Discontinuation of Rate Reconciliation for five years, starting 2022/23
- Hold harmless for enrollment declines of 5% compared with 2016/17
- Interim Plus Rates beginning with 2022-23
- Rate Methodology redesign including stakeholder input

DOH

- \$45 million for an 11% increase for Early Intervention providers
- 1% across the board increase for Medicaid including Article 28 clinics, EI
- Eliminates the Medicaid resource test and raise the income eligibility for adults age 65 and older and individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities
- Provides \$2.5 billion for Fair Pay for Home Care Workers and language to establish a base wage for home care workers at 150 percent of the regional minimum wage and a regional minimum rate of reimbursement for fiscal intermediaries.
- \$42 million to preserve “prescriber prevails” in the Medicaid pharmacy benefit

Assembly does not appear to include:

- DSP refundable personal income tax credit
- MRT #26 repeal
- Enhanced rates to prevent students from being placed in out of state residential schools