



Advocating for Healthy Communities - FY20 State Budget Priorities

Improve Workforce Recruitment and Retention

- Fund a permanent Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) for the human service workforce at 2.9%.
- Standardize and align Article 163 education & training to establish a pathway for current and future licensed mental health counselors, licensed psychoanalysts and licensed marriage and family therapists to work up to top of their practices;
- Pool unspent DSRIP workforce dollars into a Community Based Workforce Fund to support ambulatory workforce needs of community-based providers.

Advance Successful Behavioral Health Transformation

- Fund the Nonprofit Infrastructure Capital Investment Program (NICIP) at \$100M; and the Statewide Health Care Facility Transformation fund at \$525M with a set aside of \$120M for community providers.
- Support the creation of new supportive housing units through the existing \$20B housing program. Support \$10M proposal for OMH housing. Realign rate structures so that rising operations costs do not diminish services dollars for consumers.
- Support the extension of ambulatory payment group (APG) rates to 2022 for Article 31, 32 & 28 licensed providers. In addition, address barriers to timely, consistent rate payments.
- Oppose \$5M cut to Health Home care coordination rates, foster greater integrated and utilization of Health Home coordinated care;
- Support enforcement and strengthening of New York's parity laws.
- Resolve HCBS access barriers and insufficient rates, enable more at-home visits and better crisis-response system;

Advocate for Children's Behavioral Providers in Transition to Medicaid Managed Care

- Authorize extension of start-up funds for enhanced rates for the new Children and Family Treatment and Support Services (CFTSS) to December 2019, to also fully drawdown federal matching funds;
- Add CFTSS services to Child Health Plus;
- Expand Early Use Intervention Services to support engaging youth at-risk to prevent addiction and substance use; particularly the deadly opioids ravaging our communities;

Champion & Promote Health Aging In Place

- Increase funding for the Geriatric Mental Health Demonstration programs from \$2M to \$4M;
- Address barriers to services for Medicaid and Medicare dually eligible individuals.

Continue to Fight the Opioid Epidemic

- Support \$26M in new OASAS funding, a portion of which will be used to fully fund 1,200 new Opioid Treatment Program;
- Support the OASAS/OMH Ombudsman program (\$1.5 million);
- Expand access to MAT and SUD treatment in prisons and jails by:
 - Provide \$1.2M to establish three new MAT programs in state prisons;
 - Distribute \$4M to support addiction treatment services in 50 facilities.
 - Seek federal approval for Medicaid coverage for inmates 30 days before release.