

HCBS Budget Talking Points

TBI/NHTD Waiver Carve-Out

Thank the Senate and Assembly for adding language that carves NHTD/TBI out of the MLTC program. Thank the Senate for making the carve-out permanent and ask the Assembly to do the same. The Assembly extends the carve-out until January 1, 2022.

With DOH's current proposals to manage the growth of MLTC, it makes sense to focus efforts on the current MLTC population and not carve in NHTD/TBI waiver recipients.

Public Health Priority Initiative for Home Care

Thank the Senate for its budget proposal regarding the Public Health Priority Initiative, which will facilitate and support the role of home care agencies in the health care continuum. The proposal will require DOH to advance home care alternatives in prevention, primary care, and public health strategies, including goals to address palliative care, falls, sepsis, asthma, health care disparities, medication management, cardiovascular health, and opioid overuse/misuse, and potential cost-savings and health improvement.

NORC/NNORCs

Thank the Assembly for adding another \$2 million to support the Naturally Occurring Retirement Community (NORC) and Neighborhood NORC programs. Ask the Senate to do the same.

This program is cost-effective and allow constituents to age in place. We need this additional funding to make the program sustainable and increase the number of programs upstate.

Health Care Capital Transformation Grants

Thank both the Senate and Assembly for their increases to this program, especially their earmarks for long term care. LeadingAge NY asks for a total of \$125 million to be dedicated to long term care. Thank the Senate for earmarking \$25 million specifically for home care.

The Assembly provides an additional \$100 million for Capital Transformation Grants, dedicating an additional \$35 million to community-based providers and adding OPWDD Article 16 clinics as well as primary care providers to the list of eligible providers. Their proposal maintains the \$45 million for nursing homes and provides for *up to* \$20 million for ALPs.

The Senate bill provides for \$500 million (an increase of \$75 million over the Governor's proposal) for Capital Transformation Grants. It includes hospice programs in the list of eligible providers. It dedicates \$70 million for community-based providers and provides for a minimum of \$25 million for assisted living programs and hospice programs, a minimum of \$25 million to home care agencies, and a minimum of \$60 million for nursing homes. It prioritizes home care and nursing home projects that involve electronic health record systems.

Trend Factors for Long Term Care

Thank the Assembly for providing \$230 million in State share support for a 2.1 percent trend factor for Medicaid providers, including hospitals, nursing homes, home care agencies, and assisted living program providers. Urge the Senate to do the same and not eliminate trend factors through March 31, 2019, as they have proposed. This funding is critical to sustaining viable long term health care options for New Yorkers.