



STATE OF NEW YORK
EXECUTIVE CHAMBER
ALBANY 12224

VETO #52

October 16, 2025

TO THE SENATE:

I am returning herewith, without my approval, the following bill:

Senate Bill Number 8222, entitled:

“AN ACT to amend the public health law, in relation to reimbursement rates for certain programs established by not-for-profit and public skilled nursing facilities in upstate New York nursing home regions”

NOT APPROVED

This bill would establish a demonstration program where nursing home providers within certain upstate New York regions may submit applications to allow collaboration on efficiency, staffing, and quality of care. However, this bill does not include any funding to implement this program, even though the sponsors of the bill describe funding as a critical component. This creates a risk of placing an unsustainable financial burden on nursing homes that are already struggling with rising costs.

It would be more appropriate to consider a demonstration program to fund nursing homes in the course of the budget, with corresponding appropriations.

Therefore, I am constrained to veto this bill.

The bill is disapproved.

Ruth Hochul