

# RIGHT-SIZE VITAL HEALTHCARE INVESTMENTS IN FINAL SFY 2023-24 STATE BUDGET

EXCLUDING HOME HEALTH CARE & HOSPICE FROM INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDS WILL  
HANDICAP HOSPITALS & NURSING HOMES

## Proposal 1: Appropriate \$200 Million in non-wage for healthcare at home capacity

### \$80 Million Fund for CHHA & Hospices

in Year 1 to meet community need for high-cost/high-need, remote, underserved, and special care populations across all regions of NYS by funding for non-wage purposes including, but not limited to:

- recruitment & retention, technology & other tools to optimally operate agency & deliver care, support for population/need-specific training

### \$120 Million Fund for LHCSAs

to support improvements in personal care service access, delivery & quality by strengthening care management, operational capacity & non-wage personnel investments

## Proposal 2: Companion home healthcare & hospice critical Art. VII measures

- Ensure previous budget's home care aide wage increase funding & transparent State-plan-provider-aid pathway
- Reject proposed MLTC contracting provisions with LHCSAs & FIs and repeal the LHCSA RFO, an unimplemented pre-pandemic budget initiative to cut home care
- Allocate funds to support sustainable solutions to end healthcare workforce crisis, with designated appropriation for community healthcare, and home care & hospice specifically for which HCA has recommendations

## HCA POSITIONS & CORRESPONDING ASKS ON KEY SFY 2023-24 EXECUTIVE BUDGET PROVISIONS

Executive Budget Proposal	HCA Position	HCA's Corresponding Request for Final Enacted Budget
Rate Increases	Modify	Allocate equivalent investment in home healthcare & hospice, as outlined in <b>Proposal 1</b>
MLTC Provisions	Oppose	Eliminate managed long term care (MLTC) provisions from final enacted State Budget to prevent significant interruptions in care
Minimum Wage	Modify	Eliminate provision to pause wage increases for home care aides; <b>Reject</b> minimum wage index to COLA <u>unless</u> funding is guaranteed across all payers; <b>ensure previous budget's promised funding</b> for aide increase & create transparent payment pathway as outlined in <b>Proposal 2</b>
CDPAP/FI Provisions	Oppose (pending further assessment)	Clarify intention & possibly eliminate: FI solicitation provision, wage parity exemption & supplemental premium assistance for CDPAP PAs; <b>eliminate</b> MLTC contracting provision