

# NEW YORK - PLEASE AUTHORIZE THE USE OF MEDICATION AIDES IN THE NURSING HOME

New York has been in a health care workforce emergency, declared by the Governor, since 2021.

Nursing homes are hit particularly hard by the crisis, resulting in 6,700 fewer nursing home beds available today than there were in 2019.

The use of medication aides is a safe and effective way to ensure nurses have the time & energy to attend to the clinical needs of nursing home residents.

**25 other states** already permit the use of Medication Aides in the nursing home & disability settings in NY are already allowed to train direct support professionals to pass standard medications.

**IT'S TIME FOR NEW YORK TO ALLOW  
MEDICATION AIDES IN NURSING HOMES!**



## MEDICATION AIDES IN THE NURSING HOME WOULD:

- Be a certified nurse aide that has worked in a nursing home for at least a year;
- Receive advanced training and certification in order to become a Medication Aide;
- Work under the direct supervision of a Registered Nurse (RN);
- Allow RNs & Licensed Practical Nurses (LPN) to operate at their highest scope of practice;
- Build a career ladder for our nursing home workforce; and
- Bolster a collaborative approach to care in our nursing homes.