

Dear Members:

The New York State Legislature completed much of its work on Saturday, June 8, 2024. The last day of the 2024 New York State Legislative Session had been scheduled for June 6<sup>th</sup>; however, work continued into the weekend due to a long list of priorities the Legislature wanted to address before the close of session. *While the scheduled legislative session is complete, it has been reported that it may be necessary for the Legislature to return to Albany before the new year to address a gap in the MTA budget due to the governor's decision to delay [New York City congestion pricing](#).*

During this legislative session, LeadingAge New York tracked over 1,000 bills and deemed over 140 of those to be a "priority" based on their movement and potential impact or relevance to our membership. We successfully opposed several bills that would have had a negative impact on our member providers and consumers, including bills that threatened to enhance provider penalties and impose new costly and unfunded mandates. We also successfully collaborated with legislators to improve bills such as one which would require enhanced informed consent for the prescription of psychotropic medications. With the help of LeadingAge NY member input, this bill was amended to exclude adult care facilities, significantly reduce the level of consent nursing homes would be required to obtain and limit the scope to only anti-psychotics. Fortunately, even with amendments the bill *did not* pass both houses this year.

None of this progress or success would have been possible without the participation and voices of our membership. This year, LeadingAge New York members and our network of advocates surpassed even last year's impressive level of advocacy – nearly doubling the number of emails to lawmakers (approx. 25,000) and engaging in press, social media, and meetings like never before. As LeadingAge New York created videos, social media tools and generated press coverage of our issues, our members joined us in creating resident videos and conducting statewide press events of your own. ***Your advocacy this year was incredible and was effective in influencing State budget and legislative decisions – THANK YOU for using your voice for your organization and the people in your care!***

While there are several successes worth celebrating, LeadingAge New York is also keenly aware that we were not able to accomplish all of our legislative and budgetary goals. This year's budget cut to nursing home capital and case-mix reimbursement were heavy blows after securing a \$285 million investment in addition to the 7.5 percent allocated last year. The fight for nursing home and assisted living program rebasing legislation continued after budget work, however, ultimately neither bill was passed by the Legislature. Lastly, our fight to authorize the use of certified medication aides (CMAs) in nursing home will need to continue into 2025, as the Legislature chose not to approve the measure this year.

It is important to remember that advocacy is a year-round endeavor. While we were not able to accomplish all of our goals this year – many of these initiatives will be taken back up next year. Further, LeadingAge NY's push for rebasing will re-ignite with a focus on the Department of Health as early as late July. Members are strongly encouraged to use the summer and fall to establish and build upon relationships with your lawmakers. In addition, it is an election year - which means some of your Federal, State and local representatives may be changing next year. Candidates for any office need to hear from you – their constituents – about your challenges and the important work you do. If you are unsure of where to begin in building stronger relationships with lawmakers, inviting them to an event or tour of your organization is an excellent start! LeadingAge NY is happy to assist you in these efforts.

**Below is a comprehensive list of bills passed by the Legislature in 2024 and bills that failed to advance.** If you have any questions or concerns about the bills mentioned below, or would like to discuss local advocacy opportunities, please feel free to contact Sarah Daly at [sdaly@leadingageny.org](mailto:sdaly@leadingageny.org).

Finally, thank you again for your advocacy efforts and all you do for the individuals in your care. You inspire us with your work, and we hope your summer is restful and revitalizing.

- Diane Darbyshire, Vice President of Advocacy and Public Policy, LeadingAge New York
- Sarah Daly, Director of Government Affairs, LeadingAge New York

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**NH Survey Posting Requirements**

[A.2188 \(Dinowitz\) / S.3498 \(Sanders\)](#)

*Summary:* Requires nursing homes to post their CMS rating and ratings for health inspections, staffing, and quality measures on the home page of any website maintained by such facility and on any website or webpage relating to such facility. Each nursing home shall also conspicuously post these ratings in the facility so that they are visible to the public and to residents.

*Position:* [Oppose](#)

*Outcome:* *Passed Assembly. Passed Senate.*

**Publication of HERDS Data**

[A.5370 \(Paulin\)/S.5732 \(Skoufis\)](#)

*Summary:* Creates the Health Emergency Response Data System (HERDS) and requires the Department of Health (DOH) to disclose, within seven days of its receipt, the aggregate data from HERDS reports submitted during public health emergencies (PHEs) to the entities reporting, government entities, and the public.

*Position:* [Concerns](#)

*Outcome:* *Passed Assembly. Passed Senate.*

**ALR Quality Reporting**

[A.5790-B \(Paulin\)/S.8865 \(Cleare\)](#)

*Summary:* Requires reporting and posting by assisted living residences (ALRs) relating to quality measures and information concerning rates, rent, and service fees, and requires DOH to develop a scoring system for the ALR quality reporting.

*Position:* Concerns

*Outcome:* *Passed Assembly. Passed Senate.*

**Nursing Home Closures**

[A.3703 \(Epstein\)/S.2984 \(Kavanagh\)](#)

*Summary:* Requires nursing home operators to notify DOH 90 days ahead of an anticipated closure. This notification would include a proposed plan for closure and would also be delivered to local government officials.

*Position:* [Oppose](#)

*Outcome:* *Passed Assembly. Passed Senate.*

**Medically Fragile Young Adults**

[A.3674 \(Pretlow\)/S.5969 \(Harckham\)](#)

*Summary:* Allows medically fragile young adults who reside in pediatric specialized nursing facilities to remain at such facilities after reaching the age of 21 and until they reach the age 36. Ensuring that medically fragile individuals who have lived in a pediatric nursing facility are not forced to leave their homes and caregivers once they reach age 21.

*Position:* [Support](#)

*Outcome:* *Passed Assembly. Passed Senate.*

**Nursing Home Temporary Operator**

[A.6034-B \(Paulin\)/S.9131 \(Rivera\)](#)

*Summary:* Allows the Commissioner of Health to appoint a temporary operator if a nursing facility experiences serious financial instability or conditions that seriously endanger the life, health, or safety of residents or patients.

*Position:* [Oppose](#)

*Outcome:* *Passed Assembly. Passed Senate.*

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**TBI/NHTD Managed Care Carve-Out**

[A.7369 \(McDonald\)/S.2867 \(Rivera\)](#)

*Summary:* Allows individuals receiving TBI and NHTD Waiver services to continue to receive such services outside of managed care programs.

*Position:* [Support](#)

*Outcome:* *Passed Assembly. Passed Senate.*

**Hospital-Home Care-Physician Collaboration**

[A.9204 \(Paulin\)/S.9049 \(Scarcella-Spanton\)](#)

*Summary:* Establishes a framework which ensures that providers participating in collaboration are subject to the same requirements and oversight as other providers with the same type of licensure.

*Position:* [Support](#)

*Outcome:* *Passed Assembly. Passed Senate.*

**Wrongful Death**

[A.9232-B \(Weinstein\)/S.8485-B \(Hoylman-Sigal\)](#)

*Summary:* Permits the families of wrongful death victims to recover compensation for their emotional anguish. Damages for wrongful death will be exclusively for the benefit of the decedent's surviving spouse, partner, and/or close family members. Judge and Jury determines which persons qualify as close family members. Extends the statute of limitations to file a wrongful death action after the death of the decedent to three and a half years from two years.

*Position:* [Oppose](#)

*Outcome:* *Passed Assembly. Passed Senate.*

**Registrations for Professional Licensures**

[A.7716-A \(Hyndman\)/S.6112-A \(Stavisky\)](#)

*Summary:* Allows the education department to provide registration applications to professional licensees via email 4 months prior to the beginning of their registration period. Applications shall be physically mailed 45 days prior to the end of the registration period for licensees who have not yet registered.

*Position:* No Position

*Outcome:* *Passed Assembly. Passed Senate.*

**Nursing Home Rebasing**

[A.5905-B \(Woerner\)/S.6914-A \(Rivera\)](#)

*Summary:* Requires the DOH to update nursing home Medicaid rates at least every five years, in consultation with a workgroup that includes technical experts in nursing home rate setting.

*Position:* [Support](#)

*Outcome:* *Remained in Assembly Ways and Means and Senate Finance Committees.*

**Assisted Living Program Rebasing**

[A.7553-A \(Paulin\)/S.7248-A \(Cooney\)](#)

*Summary:* Ensures that the Assisted Living Program (ALP) Medicaid rates reflect present-day costs, and provides a mechanism to periodically update rates.

*Position:* [Support](#)

*Outcome:* *Remained in Assembly and Senate Health Committees.*

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**Nursing Home Decedents Designated Space**

[A.7085-A \(Paulin\)/S.3572-A \(Skoufis\)](#)

*Summary:* Requires nursing homes to develop and submit to DOH a plan for a designated location for the storage of bodies of deceased persons who pass while living in a nursing home. The designated location would be used until the deceased can be safely transferred to appropriate locations for autopsy or disposition.

*Position:* [Oppose](#)

*Outcome:* Laid Aside on Assembly Floor Calendar. Remained in Senate Health Committee.

**Certified Medication Aides**

[A.8299 \(Clark\)/S.8635 \(Cooney\)](#)

*Summary:* Allows certified nurse aides (CNAs) to receive advanced training and become certified medication aides (CMAs) in nursing homes.

*Position:* [Support](#)

*Outcome:* Remained in Assembly and Senate Higher Education Committees.

**Increase in Provider Penalties**

[A.5372 \(Paulin\)/S.6071 \(Cleare\)](#)

*Summary:* Raises the maximum penalties for violations of the Public Health Law. Authorizes amounts collected from nursing homes in excess of \$10,000 per violation.

*Position:* [Oppose](#)

*Outcome:* Laid Aside on Assembly Floor Calendar. Remained in Senate Health Committee.

**Safety Violations in ACFs**

[A.5485-A \(Paulin\)/S.5472-A \(Rivera\)](#)

*Summary:* Increases maximum civil penalties for adult care facility (ACF) violations from \$1,000 per day to \$5,000 per violation per day, and authorizes a pre-hearing suspension or limitation of an ACF's operating certificate in cases of imminent danger to residents.

*Position:* [Oppose](#)

*Outcome:* Remained in Assembly Health and Senate Rules Committees.

**Role of the Nurse in ACFs**

[A.5670 \(Solages\)/S.5471 \(Rivera\)](#)

*Summary:* Allows ACF and assisted living settings to directly employ licensed practical nurses (LPNs) or registered nurses (RNs) in order to provide nursing services.

*Position:* [Support](#)

*Outcome:* Remained in Assembly Ways and Means and Senate Finance Committees.

**Physical Therapy Staffing in Nursing Homes**

[A.2800-A \(Hevesi\)/S.9580 \(Addabbo\)](#)

*Summary:* Amends the Public Health Law to include physical therapists, physical therapist assistants, occupational therapists, occupational therapy assistants, and recreational therapists within the existing nursing home staffing standard requirements.

*Position:* Support

*Outcome:* Remained in Assembly and Senate Health Committees.

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**Antipsychotic Use in Nursing Homes and ACFs**

[A.7467-B \(Paulin\)/S.466-A \(Sepulveda\)](#)

*Summary:* Requires an enhanced level of informed consent before antipsychotic medications can be newly prescribed for patients residing in nursing homes.

*Position:* [Concerns](#)

*Outcome:* Laid Aside on Assembly Floor Calendar. Remained in Senate Aging Committee.

**Good Cause Eviction**

[A.4454 \(Hunter\)/S.305 \(Salazar\)](#)

*Summary:* Prohibits termination of a tenancy by eviction or non-renewal of a lease agreement without first showing “good cause” to the court.

*Position:* [Oppose](#)

*Outcome:* Remained in Assembly Housing and Senate Judiciary Committees; Addressed in SFY 2025 Budget with exclusions LeadingAge NY advocated for.

**New York Home Care First Act**

[A.4583-A \(Paulin\)/S.2931-B \(Rivera\)](#)

*Summary:* Provides in statute a proactive policy, reimbursement, and operational approach to support the availability and utilization of home care services in the state. Ensures that Medicaid rate adjustments account for the recent minimum wage increase for home care aides, workforce payments for home care nurses and therapists, and employee supports for aides to ensure solid recruitment and retention of workers.

*Position:* [Support](#)

*Outcome:* Remained in Assembly Ways and Means and Senate Finance Committees.

**Resident Electronic Monitoring Devices**

[A.4616 \(Gunther\)](#)

*Summary:* Allows a nursing home patient or their representative to install, operate, and maintain, at their own expense, an electronic monitoring device in their room.

*Position:* [Oppose](#)

*Outcome:* Remained in Assembly Rules Committee.

**Payments to HCBS**

[A.7473 \(Paulin\)/S.5473 \(Rivera\)](#)

*Summary:* Amends the Public Health Law to ensure that Medicaid managed care plans pass through in whole the money provided by the state to finance the incremental advancements in minimum wage.

*Position:* No Position

*Outcome:* Remained in Assembly and Senate Health Committees.

**Electronic Monitoring Device in ALP**

[A.10151-A \(Paulin\)](#)

*Summary:* Enables assisted living residences to install, operate and maintain an electronic monitoring device.

*Position:* Oppose

*Outcome:* Remained in Assembly Health Committee.

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**ALP Medical Evaluations**

[A.10244 \(Paulin\)/S.9598 \(Rivera\)](#)

*Summary:* Allows medical evaluations for assisted living programs (ALPs) to be signed by a physician assistant or nurse practitioner so that an ALP can determine whether an individual's health needs can be met at the facility.

*Position:* [Support](#)

*Outcome:* *Passed Assembly. Remained in Senate Health Committee.*

**Elimination of Managed Long-Term Care**

[A.8470 \(Paulin\)/S.7800 \(Rivera\)](#)

*Summary:* Aims to eliminate the current capitated Medicaid Long Term Care program and replace it with long term care services delivered through a fee-for-service model.

*Position:* [Oppose](#)

*Outcome:* *Remained in Assembly and Senate Health Committees.*

**Quality Incentive for Managed Care Providers**

[A.8922 \(Paulin\)/S.7992 \(Mannion\)](#)

*Summary:* Establishes a quality incentive program funded at 1 percent of total annual premiums or \$300 million, whichever is greater. Directs the Commissioner of Health to consult with managed care plans and other relevant stakeholders in establishing the criteria for distribution of funds under the program.

*Position:* [Support](#)

*Outcome:* *Remained in Assembly and Senate Health Committees.*

**OMIG Audit and Review**

[A.6813-C \(Paulin\)/S.5329-E \(Harckham\)](#)

*Summary:* Provides due process protections to health care providers and recipients in the Medicaid program when audited or reviewed by the Office of the Medicaid Inspector General (OMIG). Codifies into law procedures, practices, and standards to improve the fairness of OMIG audits and recoveries.

*Position:* [Support](#)

*Outcome:* *Passed Senate. Remained in Assembly Ways and Means Committee.*

**Enhance Oversight of Social Day Programs**

[A.10142 \(Kim\)/S.9356 \(Cleare\)](#)

*Summary:* Enhances the State Office for the Aging's (SOFA) oversight capacity on social adult day care programs. Requires the Director to inspect each social adult day care program to ensure the program has met the standards and requirements and requires social adult day care programs to conduct an annual self-certification.

*Position:* No Position

*Outcome:* *Passed Assembly. Passed Senate.*

**Affordable Independent Senior Housing Assistance Program**

[A.4716 \(Rosenthal\)/S.2080 \(Kavanagh\)](#)

*Summary:* Establishes an Affordable Independent Senior Housing Assistance Program to complement the state's historic commitment of \$125 million for senior housing capital and create a cost-effective model for seniors to age in place.

*Position:* [Support](#)

*Outcome:* *Remained in Assembly Housing and Senate Finance Committees.*



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**CCRC Revitalization**

[A.7742-A \(Paulin\)/S.7483-A \(Cleare\)](#)

*Summary:* Consolidates authority for the approval and operation of continuing care retirement communities (CCRCs) into DOH. Eliminates various barriers to the development, expansion, and efficient operation of CCRCs in New York State.

*Position:* [Support](#)

*Outcome:* *Passed Senate. Remained in Assembly Rules Committee.*

**CCRC Bill of Rights**

[S.8770 \(Ryan\)](#)

*Summary:* Establishes a continuing care retirement community (CCRC) bill of rights and requires the commissioner to monitor the bill of rights and any other regulations pertaining to independent living at a CCRC.

*Position:* Oppose

*Outcome:* *Remained in Senate Aging Committee.*

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**Independent Developmental Disability  
Ombudsman Program.**

[A.1577-A \(Buttenschon\)/S.3108-A \(Mannion\)](#)

*Summary:* Establishes a service delivery structure to aid with navigating and completing processes, filing and preparing appeals, and to educate individuals on their rights and responsibilities with respect to accessing services provided for people with developmental disabilities.

*Position:* No Position

*Outcome:* Passed Assembly. Passed Senate.

**Public Notice for Closure**

[A.1633-B \(Simon\)/S.8843-A \(Rivera\)](#)

*Summary:* Allows for improved public notice and public engagement when a general hospital seeks to close entirely or a unit that provides maternity, mental health or substance use care.

*Position:* No Position

*Outcome:* Passed Assembly. Passed Senate.

**Alzheimer's Outreach and Education Program**

[A.3122-A \(Sayegh\)/S.6504-A \(Chu\)](#)

*Summary:* Alzheimer's disease and other Dementias are growing concerns for the aging population in New York. This bill will make Alzheimer's disease and dementia eligible for community support services, including caregiver support groups and services, respite, care management, resources, and information that the commissioner and director of the office of aging deem appropriate.

*Position:* No Position

*Outcome:* Passed Assembly. Passed Senate.

**Study of Veteran's Health Care**

[A.4201-B \(Stern\)/S.7501 \(Martinez\)](#)

*Summary:* The New York State Department of Veterans' Services will consult with the department of health to undertake a study regarding veteran healthcare, including specific health care issues related to women veteran in New York State.

*Position:* No Position

*Outcome:* Passed Assembly. Passed Senate.

**Medical Records**

[A.4581 \(Paulin\)/S.1520 \(Serrano\)](#)

*Summary:* Various laws on consumers' access to their health and medical records will be made consistent to facilitate the transfer of such records among their healthcare professionals to improve upon a provider's access to patient information in different settings.

*Position:* No Position

*Outcome:* Passed Assembly. Passed Senate.

**Smoke Detectors in Common Areas**

[A.5730-B \(Zaccarro\)/S.3249-B \(Bailey\)](#)

*Summary:* Requires the installation of smoke detectors in common places for the purpose of making residential buildings safe from fire hazards.

*Position:* No Position

*Outcome:* Passed Assembly. Passed Senate.

**Delivery of TBI Services Study**

[A.7215 \(McDonald\)/S.1478 \(Hinchey\)](#)

*Summary:* Directs DOH and the Office for People with Developmental Disabilities (OPWDD) to conduct a study into the accessibility, affordability, and delivery of services to individuals with TBI.

*Position:* No Position

*Outcome:* Passed Assembly. Passed Senate.



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**Health Care Proxy for Palliative Care Patients**

[A.7872-A \(Paulin\)/S.8632-A \(Hoylman\)](#)

*Summary:* Requires a patient's health care practitioner to inform the patient about the benefits of completing a health care proxy and appointing a health care agent to those who have been diagnosed with a terminal illness or condition.

*Position:* No Position

*Outcome:* Passed Assembly. Passed Senate.

**Evacuation Plans – Chapter Amendment**

[A.8483 \(Burdick\)/S.8028\(Stewart-Cousins\)](#)

*Summary:* Establishes standards for the evacuation of individuals with disabilities from high-rise buildings during an emergency.

*Position:* Support

*Outcome:* Signed by the Governor 2/7/24 with amendments LeadingAge NY advanced.

**Reduce Temporary Staffing Agencies – Chapter Amendment**

[A.8497 \(Paulin\)/S.8047 \(Rivera\)](#)

*Summary:* Amends the public health law that relates to establishing a four-year demonstration project and workgroup to reduce the use of temporary staffing agencies in residential healthcare facilities.

*Position:* No Position

*Outcome:* Signed by the Governor 2/7/24

**NORC Supportive Service Program - Chapter Amendment**

[A.8519 \(Kim\)/S.8046 \(Cleare\)](#)

*Summary:* Makes changes to the study by the state office for the aging, on the number of older adults residing in naturally occurring retirement communities (NORCs) who are suffering from social isolation and loneliness.

*Position:* Support

*Outcome:* Signed by the Governor 2/7/24

**Core Public Health Services - Chapter Amendments**

[A.8524 \(Paulin\)/S.8033 \(Rivera\)](#)

*Summary:* Authorizes certain core public health services to be provided in the home by local health departments without need for licensure, as well as authorizes such services to be eligible to receive reimbursement.

*Position:* No Position

*Outcome:* Signed by the Governor 2/7/24

**DNR - Chapter Amendment**

[A.8536 \(Gunther\)/S.8009 \(Rivera\)](#)

*Summary:* Makes changes that clarifies which facilities an order not to resuscitate will apply to, updates terminology, and maintain consistency with inter-institutional transfers and orders not to resuscitate.

*Position:* No Position

*Outcome:* Signed by the Governor 2/7/24

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**Medicaid Coverage for Creative Art Therapy**

[A.9018 \(Bronson\)/S.8715 \(Brouk\)](#)

*Summary:* Allows licensed creative arts therapists to bill Medicaid directly for the services they provide. Mental health professionals are crucial to the provision of healthcare, therefore should be allowed transparency in Medicaid billing.

*Position:* No Position

*Outcome:* Passed Assembly. Passed Senate.

**Medically Fragile Adults**

[A.10189-B \(Gunther\) /S.9519-A \(Scarcella-Spanton\)](#)

*Summary:* Establishes a residential health care program to construct a new facility or repurpose part of an existing facility to operate as an adult residential health care facility for aging adults with medical fragility.

*Position:* No Position

*Outcome:* Passed Assembly. Passed Senate.

**Captive Insurance Program for Certain Vehicles**

[A.9099 \(Anderson\)/S.8432 \(Comrie\)](#)

*Summary:* Establishes an insurance program for commuter vans, black cars, ambulettes, and paratransit vehicles, and small school busses that transport eight to twenty-four passengers for the purpose of reducing excessive insurance costs in New York State.

*Position:* No Position

*Outcome:* Passed Assembly. Passed Senate.

**Medicaid Reimbursement for Treatment in Place**

[A.9102-C \(Kelles\)/S.8486-C \(Hinchey\)](#)

*Summary:* Authorizes Medicaid reimbursement to emergency medical service agencies for providing emergency medical care to Medicaid enrollees without requiring transportation of these patients.

*Position:* No Position

*Outcome:* Passed Assembly. Passed Senate.

**Pressure Ulcer Prevention Program**

[A.9718-B \(Paulin\)/S.9067-A \(Krueger\)](#)

*Summary:* Requires hospitals and residential healthcare facilities to implement a pressure ulcer prevention program to prevent prolonged pressure applied to one spot of the patient's skin resulting in bed sores.

*Position:* Oppose

*Outcome:* Passed Assembly. Passed Senate.

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**Bills Failing to Advance to the Governor**

The following bills were 'priority tracked' by LeadingAge New York and failed to pass both houses of the Legislature during the 2024 session.

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**Reporting of Unmet Need for Aging Services**

[A.241-A \(Eichenstein\)](#)

*Summary:* Requires all area agencies on aging, including those in New York City, to collect and report to SOFA the unmet need for each program or service they offer.

*Position:* No Position

*Outcome:* Remained in Assembly Ways and Means Committee.

**Capital Funding for Assisted Living Programs**

[A.251 \(Magnarelli\)](#)

*Summary:* Adds the ALP as an eligible provider type under the Vital Access Provider (VAP) program.

*Position:* [Support](#)

*Outcome:* Remained in Assembly Health Committee.

**Prohibition of Termination of Tenancy for Seniors**

[A.308 \(Burdick\)/S.286 \(Stewart Cousins\)](#)

*Summary:* Places limitations on a landlord's ability to terminate the tenancy of seniors residing in certain housing facilities.

*Position:* [Oppose](#)

*Outcome:* Remained in Assembly Housing and Senate Judiciary Committees.

**Transition to Adulthood for Children with Medical Fragility**

[S.323 \(Stewart-Cousins\)](#)

*Summary:* Aids in the transition to adulthood for children with medical fragility living in pediatric nursing homes and other settings.

*Position:* [Support](#)

*Outcome:* Remained in Senate Finance Committee.

**Personal Caregiving Visitation**

[A.533 \(Bronson\)/S.2626 \(May\)](#)

*Summary:* Amends enacted laws of 2021 to allow for personal caregiving visitation regardless of state PHE status.

*Position:* Concerns

*Outcome:* Remained in Assembly and Senate Health Committees.

**Notice of Assisted Living Facility Changes**

[A.576 \(Rosenthal\)](#)

*Summary:* Requires assisted living facilities to notify residents of changes to medical and support services 180 days prior to such changes taking effect.

*Position:* [Oppose](#)

*Outcome:* Remained in Assembly Health Committee.

**Notice of SCRIE Programs**

[A.679 \(Rosenthal\)/S.429 \(Krueger\)](#)

*Summary:* Requires certain agencies and individuals to provide notice regarding rent increase exemption for low-income elderly persons and persons with disabilities.

*Position:* Support

*Outcome:* Remained in Assembly Aging and Senate Finance Committees.

### **Multidisciplinary Partnerships Limited Liability**

[A.715-A \(Peoples-Stokes\)/S.5581-A \(Scarcella-Spanton\)](#)

*Summary:* Allows licensed professionals to form multidisciplinary partnerships. Health services professionals are authorized to form limited liability companies.

*Position:* No Position

*Outcome:* Remained in Assembly Higher Education and Senate Corporation Committees.

### **Medical Aid in Dying Act**

[A.995-C \(Paulin\)/S.2445-C \(Hoylman-Sigal\)](#)

*Summary:* Allows mentally competent, terminally ill individuals with a life expectancy of less than six months to request life-ending medication from their physician.

*Position:* No Position

*Outcome:* Remained in Assembly and Senate Health Committees.

### **COVID-19 Testing in Nursing Homes**

[A.1058 \(Jacobson\)](#)

*Summary:* Requires nursing homes and residential health care facilities to test all residents for the novel coronavirus (COVID-19).

*Position:* No Position

*Outcome:* Remained in Assembly Health Committee.

### **ACF Character and Competence Review**

[A.1124 \(Forrest\)/S.5644 \(Rivera\)](#)

*Summary:* Requires DOH to solicit and consider public comment as a part of the character and competence review process for new ACFs or applications for change in ownership of an ACF.

*Position:* Concerns

*Outcome:* Remained in Assembly Health and Senate Social Services Committees.

### **Fund for Affordable Housing**

[S.1446 \(Sanders\)](#)

*Summary:* Establishes a fund for the creation of affordable housing for veterans and seniors.

*Position:* Support

*Outcome:* Remained in Senate Rules Committee.

### **TBI Certification for ACFs**

[A.1519 \(Weprin\)](#)

*Summary:* Amends the Social Services Law by adding a new requirement that ACFs serving individuals with traumatic brain injury (TBI) must hold a national certification, professional license, or employ a licensed professional trained in the care and rehabilitation of residents with TBI.

*Position:* [Oppose](#)

*Outcome:* Remained in Assembly Health Committee.

### **Mandatory Reporting in ACFs**

[A.1655 \(Aubry\)](#)

*Summary:* Establishes mandatory reporting requirements for mentally or physically incapacitated persons, and affords them the same protections currently afforded to minors in New York State.

*Position:* Concerns

*Outcome:* Remained in Assembly Health Committee.

### **Nursing Home Quality and Safety Study**

[A.1856 \(Kim\)/S.3006 \(Cleare\)](#)

*Summary:* Establishes the nursing home resident quality and safety study to study the implementation of a globally recognized frailty index score methodology in nursing homes.

*Position:* Concerns

*Outcome:* Remained in Assembly and Senate Health Committees.

### **Home Care Jobs Innovation Program**

[A.1857 \(Kim\)](#)

*Summary:* Establishes the Home Care Jobs Innovation Program, which would grant awards to projects to support innovative programs that support recruitment and retention efforts within the home care workforce.

*Position:* Support

*Outcome:* Remained in Assembly Health Committee.

### **Penalties for Mandatory Nurse Overtime**

[A.2057 \(Joyner\)](#)

*Summary:* Increases penalties for violations of Labor Law prohibiting hospitals, nursing homes, and other facilities from requiring nurses to work more than their regularly scheduled hours, except in the case of a health care disaster or emergency for up to 30 days. Proposed penalties would be \$1,000 for the first violation and up to \$5,000 for repeat violations occurring within three years.

*Position:* [Oppose](#)

*Outcome:* *Remained in Assembly Labor Committee.*

### **Nursing Home Ownership**

[A.2064 \(Hawley\)/S.650 \(Ortt\)](#)

*Summary:* Provides for the disclosure of current medical facility ownership and partnerships prior to the purchase of a nursing home. Prohibits owners and operators of medical facilities cited for health inspection violations from purchasing additional nursing homes until the existing facility has been in compliance for two years. Prohibits nursing home operators that sell a facility from purchasing another facility for two years.

*Position:* No Position

*Outcome:* *Remained in Assembly and Senate Health Committees.*

### **Unpredictable Nursing Home Inspection Act**

[A.2115 \(Hawley\)/S.649 \(Ortt\)](#)

*Summary:* Requires DOH to conduct 40 percent of its inspections on nursing homes outside of business hours, and requires the Department to submit an annual nursing home inspection report to the Governor and Attorney General.

*Position:* Oppose

*Outcome:* *Remained in Assembly and Senate Health Committees.*

### **Video Communication Devices in Nursing Homes**

[A.2117 \(Davila\)](#)

*Summary:* Requires that both hospitals and nursing homes provide video communication devices to patients during any time visitor access is limited.

*Position:* Concerns

*Outcome:* *Remained in Assembly Health Committee.*

### **HCBS Eligibility Look-Back Period**

[S.2125 \(Rivera\)](#)

*Summary:* Relates to the definition of the “look-back period” for the determination of eligibility of an individual for medical assistance benefits, and exempts certain assets used on the individual’s behalf.

*Position:* No Position

*Outcome:* *Remained in Senate Health Committee.*

### **Automatic Dispensing Machines**

[A.2132-B \(Dinowitz\)/S.5914-B \(Chu\)](#)

*Summary:* Permits the use of Automated Dispensing Devices (ADDs) within nursing homes and hospices. Provides that the ADD shall remain property of a pharmacy licensed in New York State, which will maintain all controls, require recordkeeping, and obtain all licensing required by state and federal laws.

*Position:* [Support](#)

*Outcome:* *Passed Senate. Remained in Assembly Higher Education Committee.*

### **Annual Increase to Minimum Wage**

[A.2204-A \(Joyner\)/S.1978-A \(Ramos\)](#)

*Summary:* Incrementally increases the state’s minimum wage to \$21.25 downstate and \$20 upstate by 2026, and thereafter increases it annually based on the rate of inflation.

*Position:* No Position

*Outcome:* *Remained in Assembly and Senate Labor Committees.*

### **Preceptor Personal Income Tax Credit**

[A.2230 \(Gunther\)/S.2067 \(Stavisky\)](#)

*Summary:* Establishes a personal tax income for health care professionals who provide preceptor instruction. Preceptor clinicians shall be allowed a credit off \$1,000 for each 100 hours of preceptor instruction.

*Position:* No Position

*Outcome:* *Passed Senate. Remained in Assembly Ways and Means Committee.*

### **Nursing Home-MLTC Rural Demonstration**

[A.2437 \(Jones\)/S.496 \(Stec\)](#)

*Summary:* Authorizes the Commissioner of Health to allow, in one or more rural areas, one or more MLTC plans to enroll Medicaid beneficiaries and retain existing enrollees who are permanently placed in a nursing home on a demonstration basis.

*Position:* [Support](#)

*Outcome:* Remained in Assembly and Senate Health Committees.

### **Pharmacy Technicians in Home Care**

[A.2476 \(Bronson\)/S.6223 \(May\)](#)

*Summary:* Permits certain registered pharmacy technicians to assist in preparing prescriptions in home infusion pharmacies under the direct supervision of the licensed pharmacist.

*Position:* No Position

*Outcome:* Passed Senate. Remained in Assembly Higher Education Committee.

### **Frontline Worker Assistance Act**

[A.2871 \(Solages\)](#)

*Summary:* Enacts the "Frontline Worker Assistance Act" to establish a \$1,000 tax credit for public employees performing their duties while remaining at their worksite or job location during the COVID-19 pandemic who have not received additional compensation pursuant to a federal, state, or local award, grant, or retention payment.

*Position:* Support

*Outcome:* Remained in Assembly Ways and Means Committee.

### **PPE Payments for Home Care**

[S.2928 \(Rivera\)](#)

*Summary:* Requires MLTC plans to reimburse home care agencies and FIs for personal protective equipment (PPE) costs and a 90-day inventory.

*Position:* [Concerns](#)

*Outcome:* Remained in Senate Finance Committee.

### **Criminal History Record Checks for ACF Employees**

[A.2971 \(Jensen\)/S.5822 \(Gallivan\)](#)

*Summary:* Provides for criminal history background checks of supportive maintenance employees in ACFs and assisted living facilities, similar to checks completed on nursing home employees.

*Position:* [Oppose](#)

*Outcome:* Remained in Assembly and Senate Health Committees.

### **Office for an Age-Friendly New York**

[S.3007 \(Cleare\)](#)

*Summary:* Establishes the Office for an Age-Friendly New York within the Executive Branch dedicated to making New York a safer and healthier place for older adults to live.

*Position:* No Position

*Outcome:* Remained in Senate Finance Committee.

### **Hospital and Nursing Home Funding Reduction Information for Elected Officials**

[A.3101 \(Pheffer-Amato\)/S.2009 \(Sanders\)](#)

*Summary:* Requires that any information or data used by the Governor, the Division of the Budget (DOB), DOH, or any other relevant state agency to justify reductions in funding to hospitals or nursing homes be made available to state elected officials prior to any vote or reduction in appropriations.

*Position:* No Position

*Outcome:* Remained in Assembly Ways and Means and Senate Finance Committees.

### **Delay in Penalties for Nursing Home Staffing**

[A.3147 \(Simpson\)/S.3029 \(Stec\)](#)

*Summary:* Requires DOH to consider additional factors to further mitigate the impact of the health care staffing shortage affecting nursing homes prior to imposing penalties under Section 2895-b of the Public Health Law.

*Position:* No Position

*Outcome:* Remained in Assembly and Senate Health Committees.



### **Dialysis Center Preparedness**

#### [S.3244 \(Sepulveda\)](#)

*Summary:* Requires facilities offering dialysis services to have an alternate generated power source for use during a general power outage or disaster emergency.

*Position:* No Position

*Outcome:* Remained in Senate Veterans Affairs Committee.

### **Durable Medical Equipment**

#### [A.3408 \(McDonald\)/S.3468 \(Rivera\)](#)

*Summary:* Requires Medicaid managed care organizations to reimburse durable medical equipment providers.

*Position:* No Position

*Outcome:* Passed Assembly. Remained in Senate Rules Committee.

### **ACF Justice Center**

#### [A.3530 \(Gunther\)](#)

*Summary:* Requires all adult care facilities and enrich housing programs to report incidents to the Justice Center for the Protection of People with Special Needs (“Justice Center”) for the purpose of protecting people with special needs.

*Position:* No Position

*Outcome:* Remained in Assembly Mental Health Committees.

### **Transportation Broker**

#### [A.3606 \(Pretlow\)/S.2412 \(Bailey\)](#)

*Summary:* Eliminates from law the broker involvement in ambulette transportation under Medicaid.

*Position:* No Position

*Outcome:* Remained in Assembly and Senate Health Committees.

### **Violations in Residential Care Programs**

#### [A.3772 \(Weinstein\)/S.8133 \(Parker\)](#)

*Summary:* Prevents the use of property guardianships under Article 81 of the Mental Hygiene Law by nursing homes and other providers to pursue payment from incapable residents for their services, when the residents or their representatives fail to pay for such services.

*Position:* [Concerns](#)

*Outcome:* Laid Aside on Assembly Floor Calendar. Remained in Senate Mental Health Committee.

### **Overtime for CNAs**

#### [A.3802 \(Gunther\)](#)

*Summary:* Includes certified nursing assistants (CNAs) in provisions of law relating to restrictions on consecutive hours of work.

*Position:* [Oppose](#)

*Outcome:* Remained in Assembly Labor Committee.

### **Health Benefits for Public Retirees**

#### [A.3896 \(McDonald\)/S.4465 \(Breslin\)](#)

*Summary:* Ensures that no public retiree loses their skilled nursing care benefits when they enroll in Medicare.

*Position:* Support

*Outcome:* Remained in Assembly Ways and Means and Senate Finance Committees.

### **DOH Study on New Veterans’ Nursing Homes**

#### [A.4162 \(Manktelow\)/S.4256 \(Ashby\)](#)

*Summary:* Directs DOH to conduct a study into the opening of three new veterans’ nursing homes in New York State.

*Position:* No Position

*Outcome:* Remained in Assembly and Senate Health Committees.

### **Senior Housing Accessibility Study Group**

[A.4169 \(Ra\)](#)

*Summary:* Establishes the Senior Housing Accessibility Study Group to examine and make recommendations for amending the New York State Uniform Fire Prevention and Building Code to improve and enhance accessibility requirements for all newly constructed or substantially reconstructed senior housing developments.

*Position:* No Position

*Outcome:* Remained in Assembly Aging Committee.

### **Geriatric Demonstration Program**

[A.4308 \(Gunther\)](#)

[S.5516-A \(Brouk\)](#)

*Summary:* Instructs the Commissioner of the Office of Mental Health to identify barriers that prevent providers from accessing the Geriatric Demonstration Program.

*Position:* No Position

*Outcome:* Passed Assembly. Passed Senate. Bills not same-as.

### **Restrictions on Tenant Base Rent**

[A.4718 \(Rosenthal\)](#)

*Summary:* Prohibits landlords from including the cost of “nonessential services,” such as cable TV, internet services, or garage usage, as a condition of a lease agreement.

*Position:* No Position

*Outcome:* Remained in Assembly Housing Committee.

### **Specialized Health Home Program**

[S.4789 \(Rivera\)](#)

*Summary:* Establishes a specialized health home program to serve Medicaid-eligible adults 18 years of age or older with a diagnosis of a neurological, muscular, or neuromuscular condition and a mobility impairment, and directs the specialized health homes to be reimbursed on a fee-for-service basis and receive enhanced rates of payment.

*Position:* No Position

*Outcome:* Remained in Senate Finance Committee.

### **Nursing Home Care Utilization Review**

[S.4792 \(Rivera\)](#)

*Summary:* Requires a utilization review of a request for nursing home care after an inpatient hospital admission to be completed within 24 hours of the request.

*Position:* Support

*Outcome:* Passed Senate. No Same As.

### **Rural License Plate**

[A.4828 \(Santabarbara\)](#)

*Summary:* Authorizes the Department of Motor Vehicles to issue a “Feeling Rural Good” license plate that would collect an additional surcharge for rural health care programs.

*Position:* Support

*Outcome:* Remained in Assembly Transportation Committee.

### **Protection of Health Information**

[A.4983-D \(Rosenthal\)/S.158-E \(Krueger\)](#)

*Summary:* Creates a legal framework for individuals to reclaim and retain control of their healthcare information. Regulates companies that collect and sell healthcare information and provides additional rights and protections to protect individuals’ private health information.

*Position:* No Position

*Outcome:* Passed Senate. Advanced and Remained on Assembly Floor Calendar.

### **Approval of Provider Mergers and Affiliations**

[A.5375-A \(Paulin\)/S.8987-A \(Rivera\)](#)

*Summary:* Requires that persons or entities with operational authority over a hospital be subject to establishment approval by the Public Health and Health Planning Council (PHHPC).

*Position:* Oppose

*Outcome:* Passed Senate. Laid Aside on Assembly Floor Calendar.

### **Nurse of Tomorrow Act**

[A.5412-A \(Hyndman\)/ S.9646 \(Chu\)](#)

*Summary:* Creates the “Nurse of Tomorrow Act” which will provide grants from the state commissioner of education to public and not-for-profit hospitals, skilled nursing facilities, schools and other entities for nurse recruitment, education and retention costs and activities.

*Position:* Support

*Outcome:* Remained in Assembly and Senate Higher Education Committees.

### **Senior Dental Services Grant Program**

[A.5423 \(Hyndman\)/S.2875 \(Comrie\)](#)

*Summary:* Establishes a grant program for the provision of dental services exclusively for seniors in need of assistance.

*Position:* No Position

*Outcome:* Remained in Assembly Aging and Senate Finance Committees.

### **Personal Care Services for Individuals with TBI or DD**

[S.5470 \(Rivera\)](#)

*Summary:* Clarifies that provisions protecting eligibility for personal care at home afforded to persons with dementia or Alzheimer’s in recently enacted legislation extend as well to persons with TBI, cognitive impairment, developmental disability (DD), blindness, or visual impairment.

*Position:* [Support](#)

*Outcome:* Remained in Senate Health Committee.

### **CHRC for NH residents**

[S.5747 \(Parker\)](#)

*Summary:* Requires the criminal history information of prospective residents of nursing homes by the department of health to determine whether that resident has a prior sex offence conviction or a recent completion of a criminal conviction.

*Position:* No Position.

*Outcome:* Remained in Senate Health Committee.

### **Submission of Home Care Agency Claims**

[A.5750 \(Paulin\)/S.6123 \(Rivera\)](#)

*Summary:* Requires claims for services provided by home care agencies to be submitted on forms approved by CMS.

*Position:* No Position

*Outcome:* Laid Aside on Assembly Floor Calendar. Remained on Senate Rules Committee.

### **Training of Patient Transporters**

[A.5848-C \(Paulin\)/S.3344-C \(Skoufis\)](#)

*Summary:* Requires hospitals and nursing homes to provide Basic Life Support (BLS) training to “patient transporters” that are responsible for moving patients or residents to and from testing areas, treatment areas, or general movement throughout the facility.

*Position:* [Oppose](#)

*Outcome:* Remained in Assembly and Senate Health Committees.

### **Transitional Care of Young Adults**

[A.5972 \(Seawright\)/S.3177 \(Cleare\)](#)

*Summary:* Ensures due process rights when the Office for People with Developmental Disabilities (OPWDD) seeks to place young adults in a new setting.

*Position:* No Position

*Outcome:* Remained in Assembly and Senate Disabilities Committees.

### **Non-Emergency Medical Transportation in MLTC**

[A.6020-A \(Paulin\)/S.4788-A \(Rivera\)](#)

*Summary:* Reinstates the MLTC non-emergency medical transportation (NEMT) benefit back into MLTC.

*Position:* [Support](#)

*Outcome:* Remained in Assembly Ways and Means and Senate Rules Committees.

### **Prohibition on Establishment of For-Profit Hospices**

[A.6032 \(Paulin\)/S.6460 \(Krueger\)](#)

*Summary:* Prohibits the approval of new applications for establishment, construction, or increased capacity of hospices if they are to be operated, in whole or in part, by for-profit hospice entities. Existing for-profit hospices would remain approved but would not be authorized to increase capacity.

*Position:* [Support](#)

*Outcome:* *Passed Senate. Laid Aside on Assembly Floor Calendar.*

### **Study of Federal Conflict of Interest Rule**

[A.6221-B \(Paulin\)/S.6960-A \(Rivera\)](#)

*Summary:* Requires DOH to produce a report on the ability of TBI and Nursing Home Transition and Diversion (NHTD) Waiver providers to maintain their level of consumer services while complying with new federal conflict of interest (COI) rules prior to the implementation of the provisions.

*Position:* [Support](#)

*Outcome:* *Remained in Assembly Ways and Means and Senate Health Committees.*

### **Private Duty Nursing Qualifications**

[A.6346 \(Paulin\)/S.328 \(Rivera\)](#)

*Summary:* Removes certain restrictions and eligibility requirements for an individual who wishes to receive personal care and private duty nursing services under Medicaid, improving access to home care services.

*Position:* No Position

*Outcome:* *Remained in Assembly Ways and Means and Senate Rules Committees.*

### **Nurse Licensure Compact**

[A.6421 \(O'Donnell\)](#)

*Summary:* Causes New York to join the nurse Licensure Compact, allowing nurses with a compact license to move between member states more easily.

*Position:* Support

*Outcome:* *Remained in Assembly Higher Education Committee.*

### **Maximum Hours for Home Care Aides**

[S.6561 \(Persaud\)](#)

*Summary:* Limits the maximum amount of hours a home care aide may be required to work without voluntarily consenting to an assignment.

*Position:* Concerns

*Outcome:* *Remained in Senate Labor Committee.*

### **State Food Standards for Public Entities**

[A.6720 \(Solages\)/S.4364 \(Fernandez\)](#)

*Summary:* Adds "State Food Standards" to the Public Health Law, and requires DOH to develop food standards for all food bought, sold, served, and promoted by state agencies and on state property.

*Position:* Concerns

*Outcome:* *Remained in Assembly Ways and Means and Senate Procurement Committees.*

### **Senior Housing and Community Revitalization**

[A.6858 \(Thiele\)/S.6544 \(Martinez\)](#)

*Summary:* Increases housing options and opportunities, including but not limited to affordable, workforce, and senior housing.

*Position:* Support

*Outcome:* *Remained in Assembly Local Government and Senate Rules Committees.*

### **Private Duty Nursing**

[A.6975 \(Sillitti\)/S.506 \(Thomas\)](#)

*Summary:* Provides a mechanism for a Medicaid recipient who is authorized to receive in-home private duty nursing services to receive such services from a relative who is a registered professional nurse.

*Position:* No Position

*Outcome:* *Passed Senate. Remained in Assembly Health Committee.*

### **Adult Vaccine Registry and Reporting**

[A.7154 \(McDonald\)/S.1531 \(Hoylman\)](#)

*Summary:* Requires health care providers who administer any vaccines to a person 19 years of age or older to report all such vaccinations to the New York State DOH, or, for health care providers located in New York City, the New York City DOH. Provides that individuals may opt out from their vaccination being reported to the registry.

*Position:* Support

*Outcome:* Laid Aside on Assembly Floor Calendar. Remained in Senate Health Committee.

### **Community Paramedicine**

[A.7174 \(Paulin\)/S.4784 \(Rivera\)](#)

*Summary:* Authorizes emergency medical technicians (EMTs) or advanced EMTs, acting as part of a collaborative program with other health care providers, to offer community paramedicine services within their existing scope of practice.

*Position:* Oppose

*Outcome:* Remained in Assembly Health and Senate Finance Committees.

### **New For-Profit Nursing Home Licenses**

[A.7186 \(Bichotte\)/S.2929 \(Rivera\)](#)

*Summary:* Prohibits all future establishment or expansion of bed capacity of a nursing home owned or operated, in whole or part, by a for-profit entity.

*Position:* No Position

*Outcome:* Remained in Assembly and Senate Health Committees.

### **Automatic Dispensing Machines**

[A.7195 \(Dinowitz\)](#)

*Summary:* Allows pharmacies to store medication in automated dispensing machines if a contractual agreement is in place with a nursing home or healthcare facility for the residents.

*Position:* No Position

*Outcome:* Remained in Assembly Higher Education Committee.

### **Utilization Review Program Standards**

[A.7268-A \(Weprin\)/S.3400-A \(Breslin\)](#)

*Summary:* Reduce administrative requirements of health care practitioners in relation to utilization review program standards and pre-authorization of health care services.

*Position:* No Position

*Outcome:* Remained in Assembly Rules and Senate Finance Committees.

### **Home Care Regional Minimum Wage**

[A.7335-A \(Paulin\)/S.6963-A \(Rivera\)](#)

*Summary:* Requires the Commissioner of Health to establish regional minimum hourly base reimbursement rates for home care aides.

*Position:* No Position

*Outcome:* Remained in Assembly Ways and Means and Senate Health Committees.

### **Rates of Payment for Certified Home Health Agencies**

[A.7460-A \(Paulin\)/S.4791-A \(Rivera\)](#)

*Summary:* Authorizes DOH to provide a 10 percent increase in the base episodic payment and in the individual rates for services exempt from episodic payments. Establishes minimum standards and a minimum benchmark for home care services payments.

*Position:* [Support](#)

*Outcome:* Remained in Assembly and Senate Health Committees.

### **MLTC Performance Standards**

[A.7554 \(Paulin\)/S.7293 \(Ryan\)](#)

*Summary:* Enables managed long term care (MLTC) plans that also operate a Medicare Advantage Institutional Special Needs Plan (ISNP) or a Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE program), but not a Medicare Advantage Dual Eligible Special Needs Plan (DSNP), to continue to meet MLTC performance standards.

*Position:* [Support](#)

*Outcome:* Remained in Assembly and Senate Health Committees.

**CHHA/LHCSA/Hospice Community Funding Support**

[A.7568 \(Paulin\)](#)

*Summary:* Updates annual state aid to home health program and provides similar language for hospice and licensed home care services to support access to care, and service delivery.

*Position:* Support

*Outcome:* Remained in Assembly Health Committee.

**Nurse Staffing Committee**

[A.7635 \(Gunther\)](#)

*Summary:* Expands the use of nurse staffing committees where the registered nurse, licensed practical nurses, and frontline team's recommendation for quality indicators in healthcare facilities is included when consensus cannot be reached.

*Position:* No Position

*Outcome:* Remained in Assembly Health Committee.

**ACF Temporary Operator**

[A.7785 \(Simon\)](#)

*Summary:* Allows residents of adult care facilities to seek the appointment of temporary operators of such facilities when they feel their health, safety, and welfare are at risk.

*Position:* [Oppose](#)

*Outcome:* Remained in Assembly Health Committee.

**Rebasing for All**

[A.8229 \(Paulin\)](#)

*Summary:* Requires the commissioner of health to set rates of payment for medical assistance to reflect more current base year information.

*Position:* No Position

*Outcome:* Remained in Assembly Health Committee.

**Aging in Place Taskforce**

[A.8402 \(Kim\)/S.713 \(Cleare\)](#)

*Summary:* Establishes an aging in place task force to study how the state can encourage aging in place.

*Position:* No Position

*Outcome:* Remained in Assembly and Senate Aging Committees.

**Fair Pay for Home Care Act**

[A.8821 \(Paulin\)/S.3189-A \(May\)](#)

*Summary:* Establishes a base wage rate for home care workers at 150 percent of the current minimum wage or other set minimum rate, and additional benefit portions of the minimum rate separate from the cash portion. Directs DOH to set regional minimum rates of reimbursement for home care aides under Medicaid and managed care plans.

*Position:* No Position

*Outcome:* Remained in Assembly and Senate Health Committees.

**Reimbursement Rates for MLTC**

[A.8877 \(Paulin\)/S.8360 \(Skoufis\)](#)

*Summary:* Requires notice and additional review of the methodologies, fee schedules, and other materials used for determining reimbursement rates for Medicaid managed care providers.

*Position:* Support

*Outcome:* Remained in Assembly Ways and Means and Senate Health Committees.

**Regulation of Indoor and Outdoor Worksites**

[A.8935-C \(Bronson\)/S.1604-F \(Ramos\)](#)

*Summary:* Provides for regulation of indoor and outdoor worksite with temperature protection standards and education, training and reporting requirements to ensure that employers provide safe conditions for their employees.

*Position:* No Position

*Outcome:* Remained in Assembly Ways and Means and Senate Finance Committees.



### **Consecutive Nurse Hours**

[A.8940 \(Bronson\)](#)

*Summary:* Limits mandatory overtime for nurses for a natural disaster or declared emergency for the purpose of preventing an employer from declaring a staffing emergency for routine nurse staffing needs and impose monetary penalties if violated.

*Position:* Oppose

*Outcome:* Remained in Assembly Labor Committee.

### **Imputed Occupancy**

[A.8944 \(Woerner\)](#)

*Summary:* Waives the ninety percent occupancy reimbursement calculation for residential health care facilities for the period of 2021-2022.

*Position:* Support

*Outcome:* Remained in Assembly Health Committee.

### **Coverage for Necessary Dental**

[A.8983 \(Paulin\)/S.7667-A \(Cleare\)](#)

*Summary:* Includes implants, replacement dental prosthetic, crown and root canals as medically necessary dental care and services for coverage under the Medicaid program.

*Position:* No Position

*Outcome:* Passed Senate. Advanced and Remained on Assembly Floor Calendar.

### **Office of Mental Health (“OMH”) Task Force**

[A.8989 \(Gunther\)/S.8368 \(Brouk\)](#)

*Summary:* Establishes a task force to study aging in place in mental health housing.

*Position:* No Position

*Outcome:* Remained in Assembly Ways and Means and Senate Finance Committees.

### **Medically Fragile Children Complex Care Assistants**

[A.9034 \(Steck\)/S.8599 \(Mayer\)](#)

*Summary:* Authorizes family members of medically fragile children to be trained and paid to provide care as a complex care assistant.

*Position:* No Position

*Outcome:* Remained in Assembly and Senate Health Committees

### **Close the Waitlist Fund**

[A.9150-A \(Clark\)/S.8187-A \(Cleare\)](#)

*Summary:* Authorizes an income tax surcharge on those earning over \$10 million per annum to close the \$70 million dollar waitlist gap for senior services.

*Position:* Support

*Outcome:* Remained in Assembly Ways and Means and Senate Finance Committees.

### **Eliminated Look-Back Period**

[A.9278 \(Paulin\)/S.6414 \(Skoufis\)](#)

*Summary:* Eliminates the “look-back period” for home care for non-institutionalized Medicaid applicants to improve Medicaid approval speed.

*Position:* No Position

*Outcome:* Remained in Assembly Health and Senate Rules Committees.

### **Study of COVID-19 Deaths in Nursing Homes**

[A.9700 \(Kim\)/S.2419 \(Tedisco\)](#)

*Summary:* Establishes an independent, bipartisan state commission to fully investigate the deaths of 6,200 New Yorkers who died from COVID-19 in state-regulated nursing homes.

*Position:* No Position

*Outcome:* Remained in Assembly and Senate Health Committees.

### **COVID-19 Death Benefits for Workers’ Compensation**

[A.9804 \(Cruz\)/S.8544 \(Parker\)](#)

*Summary:* Amends the compensation law in relation to certain claims for death benefits based on death due to COVID-19.

*Position:* Oppose

*Outcome:* Remained in Assembly Labor and Senate Finance Committees.

### **SSP Rate for ACF Residents**

[A.9807 \(Davila\)/S.8767 \(Persaud\)](#)

*Summary:* Amends social services law to increase the SSI enhanced residential care monthly rate for residents of ACFs by ten percent or approximately five dollars per day.

*Position:* [Support](#)

*Outcome:* Passed Senate. Remained in Assembly Social Services Committee.

### **Mandatory Overtime for Healthcare Workers**

[A.9958 \(Paulin\)/S.9111 \(Mayer\)](#)

*Summary:* A healthcare facility shall not require a member of the health care workforce to work mandatory overtime except in the care of a patient during an emergency.

*Position:* Oppose

*Outcome:* Remained in Assembly and Senate Labor Committees.

### **Serious Mental Illness (“SMI”)**

[A.10000 \(Eachus\)/S.1035 \(Jackson\)](#)

*Summary:* Allows individuals with serious mental illness to continue to access housing and services from adult homes operated by not-for profit organizations.

*Position:* Support

*Outcome:* Remained in Assembly and Senate Health Committees.

### **Senior Housing Task Force**

[A.10047 \(Eachus\)/S.715 \(Cleare\)](#)

*Summary:* Establishes a task force that would analyze senior housing options and develop strategies to improve housing options for senior citizens as they age.

*Position:* No Position

*Outcome:* Remained in Assembly Aging and Senate Housing Committees.

### **Direct Descendant Patient Records Access**

[A.10125 \(Bronson\)/S.8967 \(Breslin\)](#)

*Summary:* Allows direct descendants of a patient who has been deceased for 50 years or longer to access that patient’s clinical records.

*Position:* No Position

*Outcome:* Remained in Assembly Mental Health and Senate Rules Committees.

### **NFP FOIL Requests**

[A.10458 \(Bichotte Hermelyn\)/S.2451 \(Comrie\)](#)

*Summary:* Amends the not-for-profit corporation law to make not-for-profit corporations licensed by the DOH, Office of Mental Health, and Office for People with Developmental Disabilities subject to the Freedom of Information Law (FOIL). Excludes patient records.

*Position:* Concerns

*Outcome:* Remained in Assembly Corporations and Senate Rules Committees.

### **ACF Closure Requirements**

[A.10560 \(Simon\)/S.8933-A \(Hinchey\)](#)

*Summary:* Requires DOH to notify state and county officials of the expected closure of adult care facilities.

*Position:* Oppose

*Outcome:* Passed Senate. Remained in Assembly Health Committee.