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Long-Term Care Providers Left Out of Major State Health Technology Funding

The following statement can be attributed to Sebrina Barrett, President and CEO of LeadingAge New York.

“On behalf of our members across New York State, we are deeply frustrated that, despite more than \$300 million being awarded to advance health information technology and cybersecurity in New York, **not a single long-term care provider received funding.**”

“Long-term care providers actively applied for these grants and were shut out entirely. These providers care for some of the state’s most medically complex and vulnerable residents yet continue to be excluded from critical infrastructure investments. By excluding long-term care from these grants, New York State has missed an opportunity to strengthen patient safety, care coordination, and cybersecurity across the full continuum of care.

“The State cannot continue to ignore our growing population of older adults and the financial pressures that are driving long-term care providers to close across the state. Policymakers must act now to ensure that long-term care providers are included in critical state investments.”

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About LeadingAge New York

Founded in 1961, LeadingAge New York is the only statewide organization representing the entire continuum of not-for-profit, mission-driven, and public continuing care, including home and community-based services, adult day health care, nursing homes, senior housing, continuing care retirement communities, adult care facilities, assisted living programs, and Managed Long-Term Care plans. LeadingAge New York’s 350-plus members serve an estimated 500,000 New Yorkers of all ages annually