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**STATE SUPREME COURT GRANTS PRELIMINARY INJUNCTION BLOCKING STATE'S NURSING HOME CUTS**

Acting Supreme Court Justice Kimberly O'Connor today granted a [preliminary injunction](#) halting a cut to Medicaid reimbursement rates that threatened the viability of nursing homes and patient care across New York.

The 13-page decision stems from a lawsuit filed on behalf of a statewide coalition representing nursing home and continuing care providers alleging that New York State acted illegally by exposing more than 100,000 residents, thousands of employees and virtually every nursing home in the state to risk and peril.

The order state's: "pending a final determination of this proceeding and action [DOH is] enjoined from implementing the new case mix adjustment methodology, adopted effective July 1, 2019 and [is] directed to continue to use the method for calculating [...] Medicaid reimbursement rates that was in effect as of June 30, 2019."

James W. Clyne, Jr., President of LeadingAge NY, an association representing more than 500 not-for-profit nursing homes and providers serving more than 500,000 New Yorkers, said: "In granting the preliminary injunction, Judge O'Connor determined that the merits of the case were sound, and patients, workers and nursing home facilities were facing significant immediate harm. We are gratified that our residents and employees will be protected while we establish that the new methodology violates state and federal law."

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