

SFY 2026-27 Executive Budget Priorities

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① Targeted Inflationary Increase 2.7% - Benefits, Food, Transportation & More!

Inflation Negatively Impacts Our Ability to Provide Care:

The Consumer Price Index shows inflation has been over 29% for transportation, over 27% for food/beverages, over 25% for housing, and over 24% on other goods and services such as maintenance, repairs, personal/health care supplies, and more.

From 2020 – 2025, NYS has provided a combined inflationary increase of 15.8% to I/DD non-profit care agencies.

② CareForce Affordability Initiatives - Our DSP's Need NYS Support!

Housing:

CareForce Affordable Housing Preference

Employer Assisted Housing Matching Grants

SONYMA "CareForce" Down Payment Assistance and Interest Rate Reduction

Childcare:

Capital funding to create childcare centers

Expand the NYS Child Tax Credit

Healthcare:

Eligible per-employee allocation of \$2,500 to enhance health care costs

③ Infrastructure & Care System Investment - Align With CLCPA Climate Goals!

Disability Service Agencies maintain physical infrastructure to provide housing, vocational training, community programs, therapeutic services, and case management.

Expand the Prior Property Approval (PPA) to align with CLCPA goals.

Establish a new capital funding demonstration program to support innovative service models.

Increasing the Residential Reserve for Replacement (RRR) rate to \$2,500 per resident in Upstate NY and \$3,000 NYC/Long Island to maintain and upgrade housing.

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Investments In I/DD Care Agencies Directly Benefit Workers & Reduce Vacancies

4 out of 5 DSP's make under \$20/hour, significantly less than a living wage.

Most DSPs are women and are disproportionately high percentage are BIPOC people.

The workforce shortage crisis continues to place enormous strain on agencies and leaves many people with I/DD unserved or underserved.

The investments made by the Hochul Administration and the NYS Legislature are yielding positive results by helping providers raise frontline staff wages and reduce vacancies.

Half of DSP's experience food and housing insecurity.

Staff vacancies are the largest reason provider agencies are unable to meet the needs of New Yorkers with I/DD.

New Yorkers with I/DD deserve adequate and high-quality care as human rights.

A Targeted Inflationary Increase is needed to ensure that Direct Support Professionals (DSPs) receive fair, competitive wages that reflect the essential, skilled nature of their work.



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