

Medicaid Medicaid Matters New York Matters

2018-2019 Health/Medicaid Budget A Consumer Checklist

It is time once again for MMNY's Annual Budget Checklist! We urge the Legislature to use this tool as a guide to support and protect the interests of people covered by Medicaid as a final budget agreement is negotiated.

How many can you check?



	<p>Ensure access to community-based long term services and supports. Reject the proposed changes to Managed Long Term Care (MLTC) that would result in institutionalization. Enact a community-based high-need rate cell in MLTC. Oppose any measure that will limit consumer access or choice in community-based long term care.</p>
	<p>Secure services for children with significant health and behavioral health needs. Reject the proposed delay in expansion of children's behavioral health services.</p>
	<p>Reject the Healthcare Shortfall Fund. Allow for transparent, public processes in insurance company transactions, and ensure assets are spent in the public's best interest.</p>
	<p>Allocate hospital charity care funding based on services to low-income people. Reject proposals that extend antiquated methodologies that allocate huge sums of money to facilities that do not provide services to people on Medicaid and people who are uninsured.</p>
	<p>Support community-based care. Thanks to both Houses for recognizing the importance of funding community-based care by increasing the allocation of capital funding specifically for community-based providers.</p>
	<p>Fully fund Community Health Advocates (CHA). Thanks to both Houses for recognizing the importance of CHA by providing \$1 million (Assembly) and \$1.5 million (Senate) in additional funding for this program, and to the Senate for proposing \$2 million to restart CHA's Small Business Assistance Program.</p>

This information is based on one-house budget positions. Things may change as budget negotiations continue.

Thank you to the Assembly and Senate for taking some actions in your one-house bills to protect Medicaid and the people it serves. Remember the New Yorkers who rely on the Medicaid program and the health care safety net as you deliberate over the final budget!