



## 2026-2027 Health/Medicaid Budget Consumer Checklist

**Policymakers, use this checklist to ensure the FY 2027 budget addresses the needs of New Yorkers who rely on Medicaid coverage.**

**Can you check them all?**



<p><b>Coverage and Access</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Preserve access to affordable public health coverage</b> for individuals at risk of becoming uninsured due to implementation of HR 1 and the transition back to the Basic Health Program; take the three steps outlined by advocates.</li> <li>• <b>Provide temporary, state-funded coverage for individuals who lose Medicaid</b> due to work reporting requirements beginning January 1, 2027.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Primary and Preventive Care</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Invest in primary care</b> by increasing Medicaid funds to ensure timely access to services in the community; enact the <i>Primary Care Investment Act (A.1915-A/S.1634)</i></li> </ul>	
<p><b>Service Delivery</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Ensure access to essential services</b> by administering them outside of Medicaid Managed Care. Enact the following:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <i>Behavioral Health Carve-Out (A.8055-A/S.8309-A)</i></li> <li>- <i>Home Care Savings and Reinvestment Act (A.2018-A/S.2332-A)</i></li> <li>- <i>Permanent carve-out of the Nursing Home Transition and Diversion waiver</i></li> <li>- <i>Permanent carve-out of school-based health centers (A.9577/S.8902)</i></li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
<p><b>Benefits and Protections</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Put Medicaid <b>dental coverage</b> for implants, replacement prosthetics, crowns, and root canals in state law. <i>(A.1931/S.3566)</i></li> <li>• Put coverage for <b>gender-affirming care</b> and prohibiting discrimination related to these services in state law. <i>(A.6596-B/S.9275)</i></li> </ul>	
<p><b>Long-Term Services and Supports</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Repeal activities of daily living (ADL) restrictions</b> that limit access to home care. <i>(S.358/A.1198)</i></li> <li>• <b>Repeal changes to the look-back</b> for community-based long-term care eligibility. <i>(S.4786/A.1907)</i></li> </ul>	
<p><b>Consumer Support and Equity</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Protect people who live in adult homes by funding the <b>EQUAL program</b>.</li> <li>• <b>Fully fund consumer assistance</b> through the Community Health Advocates program.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Revenue</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Enact <b>progressive tax reform</b> to help fund what New Yorkers need.</li> </ul>	

Thank you to the Assembly and Senate for taking bold actions in your one-house proposals to invest in Medicaid for all who need it.

Remember the New Yorkers who rely on Medicaid as you deliberate over the final budget!