

For Legislative Calls

The Senate switchboard is: 518/455-2800 and the Assembly switchboard is 518/455-4100. They will connect you in Albany. Also, you can call and leave a message in their local offices as well.

To Email Your Legislators

To find your Senators email address go to <https://www.nysenate.gov/senators-committees> and for your Assemblymember go to <http://assembly.state.ny.us/mem/>

Sample Script for Calls and E-mails:

FOR SENATE:

Dear Senator (Name),

My name is (name/title) and I am from (Name of Agency). Our agency employs (number of care managers) serving (number of clients) and we are affiliated with (name of Health Homes).

The Senate One-house bill currently proposes to cut critical health home care management services by \$100M (\$200 million with federal match) which will devastate this program and eliminate services to some of the highest need individuals living with serious mental illness, substance use disorders, HIV/AIDS and chronic health conditions. Without these services many high need individuals will not receive the care coordination they need, reducing their access to services.

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Thank you in advance for your support of health home care management and the clients we serve. Attached is Memo of Opposition from many statewide associations representing behavioral health services and health care. I (Or if Agency Executive – Name of Agency) support this Memo of Opposition. (IF YOUR SENATOR IS LISTED BELOW – We hope you will bring our concerns to your committee and urge that these proposed cuts be eliminated as final table negotiations occur. IF YOUR SENATOR IS NOT LISTED BELOW – We hope that you will reach out to your colleagues on the Health and Budget Committee to bring our concerns to their attention during this process to urge that these proposed cuts be eliminated.

FOR ASSEMBLY

Dear Assemblymember (Name),

My name is (name/title) and I am from (Name of Agency). Our agency employs (number of care managers) serving (number of clients) and we are affiliated with (Health Homes).

We need your help as negotiations continue on the importance of the Health Home Care Management services. Any cuts to this service will devastate this program and eliminate services to some of the highest need individuals living with serious mental illness, substance use disorders, HIV/AIDS and chronic health conditions. Without these services many high need individuals will not receive the care coordination they need, reducing their access to services.

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Assembly

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Kevin Cahill
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*Rebecca Seawright
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*Martin Golden
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*Liz Krueger

Also, if your representative is one of the Co-Chairs of the Opioid Taskforce, they need to hear that Health Homes are serving these individuals and that this is a critical service to their recovery:

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Chris Jacobs
Fred Akshar