

FY 2018 BUDGET PRIORITIES

PRESERVE & STRENGTHEN COMMUNITY BASED MENTAL HEALTH & SUBSTANCE USE PROGRAMS

Infrastructure & Capacity

- **Allocate \$125 million as the set aside for community based organizations in the Statewide Health Care Facility Transformation Program:**
 - The Budget provides \$500 million for capital and non-capital projects that facilitate health care transformation and expand access to care. Of this amount, \$50 million will be awarded to Montefiore Medical Center and a minimum of \$30 million would be carved out for community clinics, including mental health and SUD clinics.
- **Support & Expand the Nonprofit Infrastructure Capital Investment Program** which received 580 eligible applications and with an allocation of \$100 million, funded only 40%.

Delivery System Reform Incentive Payment (DSRIP) 2/6/17

Share of DSRIP Dollars Distributed by PPS Networks to CBOs: \$12.6 Million

Total PPS Networks' Share of DSRIP Dollars: \$1 Billion

Source:
<http://www.politico.com/states/new-york/city-hall/whiteboard/2017/01/community-based-organizations-have-received-small-share-of-dsrip-dollars-8610574>

Health Care Facility Transformation Program 2/6/17

FY 2017-18 Executive Budget Proposal (A3007/S2007) Part K

Community Based Providers' Share: \$30 million (6% of total funding)

Total Program Funding: \$500 million

Source:
https://www.budget.ny.gov/pubs/executive/eBudget1718/fy18artVIIbills/HMH_ArticleVII.pdf

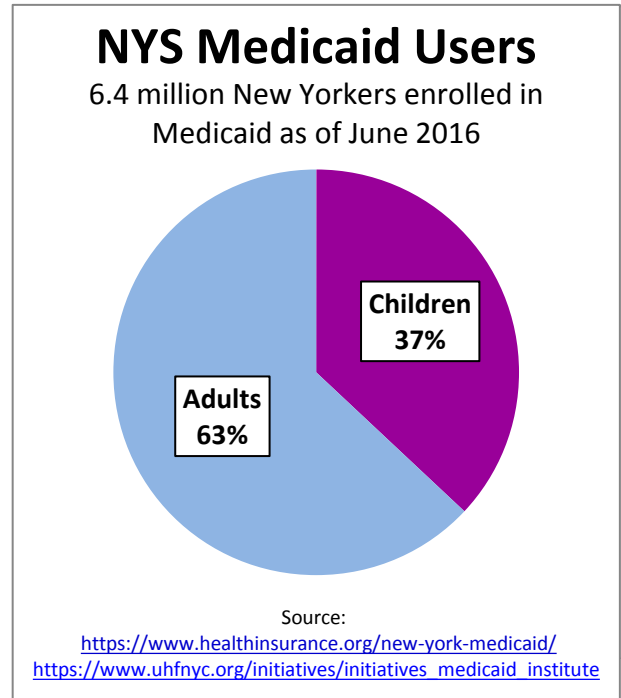
- **Require PPSs to release DSRIP funds to community based providers**
 - Only 1% of funds have gone to CBOs, despite DSRIP's goal of reducing avoidable hospital use by moving high cost individuals to services that promote wellness and sustain them in the community. NYS Medicaid has clearly stated that the expense of high cost individuals cannot be contained without housing & community based services.
- **Ensure Behavioral Health providers are represented on the Health Care Regulation Modernization Team included in the Executive Budget.**

Ensure access to services and housing that promotes healthy individuals and communities

- **Immediately increase capacity of existing children’s behavioral health programs to \$17.5 million**
 - Restore the state share of the \$7.5 million unspent in FY2017 State Budget and the \$10 million in proposed savings for FY2018 so kids with mental health needs can get care. Kids are waiting more than a year to get an initial appointment. NY Medicaid insures almost 2 million children.

- **Housing**
 - Support the \$10 Million to enhance support for existing Residential Programs and appropriate an additional \$28 Million for 2017-2018
 - Sign the Supportive Housing MOU to release the \$2 billion agreed to by Governor Cuomo & the legislature proposed in SFY 2016-17 to build 6,000 supportive and affordable housing units over the next five years.

- **Support & Modify Executive Budget Article VII Language that Eliminates Prescriber Prevalence for Non Mental Health Medications (Article VII-Part D)**
 - Expand exemptions for mental health medications to include long-acting injectables (atypical antipsychotics and antidepressants) for both mental health and substance use disorders.
- **OASAS & the Opioid and Heroin Epidemic**
 - Support the Executive Budget proposal of \$200 million to continue addressing the statewide epidemic of heroin and opioid addiction.



Workforce

- **Provide \$50.5 million per year for five years to support the impact of the incremental increases to the minimum wage that were approved during the last legislative session.**
 - Overall, we estimate that an increase to the minimum wage to \$15/hour for downstate and \$12.50 for upstate counties will have an approximate \$423 million impact on the community mental health system when fully implemented.
 - This assessment does not include costs related to growth in existing programs, new programs, or reinvestment.
- **Restore human services COLA that the Executive Budget defers for a year.**
- **Raise the indirect rate on contracts to 15% to invest and sustain human services programs.**

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