



# 2011-12 NYS Executive Budget—Enacted

## Summary of selected Health & Medicaid budget provisions enacted

This document is an update to HCFANY’s testimony on the 2011-12 New York State Executive Budget (available at [www.hcfany.org](http://www.hcfany.org)) and shows how the provisions HCFANY supported, opposed, or urged caution on resulted in this year’s enacted budget.

Medicaid Redesign Proposals SUPPORTED by HCFANY		
Title	Description	Budget Action
#14 Establish Public Health Services Corps	Provide funded positions for health professionals in exchange for a two-year commitment to underserved communities	Rejected
#55 Increase Coverage of Tobacco Cessation Counseling	Expand existing tobacco cessation counseling coverage in Medicaid to include all beneficiaries (not just pregnant women)	Passed
#133 Administrative Renewal for Aged and Permanently Disabled	Allow otherwise eligible Medicaid recipients with fixed incomes renew health coverage administratively.	DOH plans to implement administratively
#134 Audit Cost Reports (rather than certification)	Allow DOH to contract with independent firms to conduct annual field and desk audits of hospital Institutional Cost Reports.	Passed
#137 Disregard Retirement Assets for MBI-WPD	Disregards retirement assets, such as 401K plans, in the Medicaid Buy-in Program for Working People with Disabilities.	Passed
#150 Develop an Automated Exchange/Medicaid Eligibility System	Move NY from a manual to an automated eligibility determination and verification system.	DOH plans to implement administratively
#990 Adjust Reimbursement Rates to Support Efforts to Address Health Disparities	Explores the establishment of reimbursement rates to support provider efforts to offer culturally competent care and address health disparities.	Passed
#1029 Implement Several Enrollment and Retention Simplification Initiatives	Pursue federal approval for 2-yr renewal periods, develop short-term method for data transfer between health plans and counties, allows outreach for certain populations based on data matching, eliminates need to present original supporting documents as part of eligibility determination, and allows administrative renewal for MSP enrollees.	DOH plans to implement administratively
#4648, Family Planning Benefit Program as a State Plan Service	Expand eligibility for the Family Planning Benefit Program to undocumented immigrants, and auto-enroll post-partum pregnant women into the program.	Passed
Other Proposals SUPPORTED by HCFANY		
Revisions in How Hospitals Report Cost and Revenue	Requires hospitals to submit a new “disproportionate share hospital data collection tool” to the DOH for the purpose of calculating provider-specific disproportionate share hospital caps.	Passed
Dry Appropriation for the Community Health Advocates Program	Allow a \$5 million dry appropriation to the statewide consumer assistance program to allow the state to direct federal funding to this program as soon as it becomes available.	Passed

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### Medicaid Redesign Proposals **OPPOSED** by HCFANY

Title	Description	Budget Action
#15 Comprehensive Fee-for-Service Pharmacy Reform	Includes limiting opioid prescriptions to four prescriptions every thirty days and eliminates Medicaid wrap for Medicare part D.	<b>Passed</b>
#17 Reduces Fee-for-Service Dental Payment on Select Procedures	Reduces Medicaid Payments to dental care providers outside of managed care.	<b>DOH plans to implement administratively</b>
#18 Eliminates Spousal Refusal	Eliminates the provision that allows people to refuse financial support to their spouse so that they may enroll in Medicaid.	<b>Rejected</b>
#30 Align Payment for Prescription Footwear with Medical Necessity	Places new restrictions on Medicaid coverage for certain orthotics.	<b>Passed</b>
#34 Establish Utilization Limits for PT, OT, and Speech Therapy/ Pathology	Creates utilization limits of 20 visits in a 12 month period for physical therapy, occupational therapy, and speech-language pathology for enrollees over 21.	<b>Passed</b>
#104 Increase enrollee copayment amounts for Medicaid FFS and FHPlus; Require copayments for CHPlus.	Increases co-pay amounts for enrollees in Medicaid Fee-for-Service and Family Health Plus, and would introduce new copayments for children enrolled in Child Health Plus.	<b>Rejected</b>
#31 Reform Medical Malpractice and Patient Safety	Would establish a neurologically impaired infant medical indemnity fund and place a cap on the amount that can be awarded in medical, dental, and podiatric malpractice for pain and suffering.	<b>Indemnity Fund Passed, Cap Rejected</b>
#4651 Global Spending Cap on Medicaid Expenditures	Instates a flat 4% cap on the year-to-growth of the states share of Medicaid spending and authorizes the Commissioner to develop a Medicaid savings plan to reduce spending and maintain the prescribed growth rate, should this cap be exceeded.	<b>Modified</b>
#4652 Reform Personal Care Services Program in NYC	Limits Level 1 personal care services and limits personal care to those not eligible for nursing home care.	<b>Passed</b>

### Other Proposals **OPPOSED** by HCFANY

Elimination of the Office of Minority Health	Eliminated dedicated funding for the current Office of Minority Health and distributes those resources into a Local Competitive Grant Program with a reduced funding pool.	<b>Partially Restored</b>
Cuts to the EPIC Program	Limits Elderly Pharmaceutical Insurance Coverage (EPIC) coverage for drugs only to individuals who hit the Medicare Part D coverage gap	<b>Passed</b>

### Proposals HCFANY Urged Caution On

#243 Accountable Care Organizations	Explores models through which to implement Accountable Care Organizations for Medicaid Beneficiaries, including those eligible for both Medicaid and Medicare.	<b>Modified</b>
#1434 Convert a portion of Family Planning Grants to Medicaid rate reimbursement	Shifts \$10 million from the family planning grant to the Medicaid program.	<b>Modified</b>

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