

SFY 2007-08 Subcommittee on Health, Medicaid, and Aging

To : Senate Majority Leader Joseph L. Bruno, Co-Chair
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Joint Conference Committee on Health, Medicaid and Aging

Subject: Report of the Subcommittee on Health, Medicaid and Aging

Date: March 30, 2007

On March 30, 2007 the Health Subcommittee completed its work and presented a general report to the General Conference Committee. We are pleased to present this report which provides details on all budget changes agreed to by the subcommittee, including specific allocations of the Subcommittee's table target.

The subcommittee allocated the Health, Medicaid, and Aging Table Target to provide restorations and additions in the following areas:

▪ A 75 Percent Restoration of the Trend Factor on Hospitals	\$68.5 Million
▪ Reject the Continuation of the 0.35 Percent Hospital Assessment	\$136.9 Million
▪ A 75 Percent Restoration of the Trend Factor on Nursing Homes	\$54.5 Million
▪ Continue the Current Case-Mix For Calculation of the Nursing Home Rate	\$83.5 Million
▪ Partially Restore and Modify the Nursing Home Quality Improvement Program	\$17.5 Million
▪ Partially Restore Medicaid Pharmacy Reimbursement	\$11.7 Million
▪ Partially Restore EPIC Pharmacy Reimbursement	\$ 7.2 Million
▪ Reject Changes to the Preferred Drug and Clinical Drug Review Program	\$23.3 Million
▪ Expansion of the Priority Restoration Pool	\$6.0 Million
▪ A Rate Add-On for Hospital Services Including Translation Services	\$19.0 Million

The General Conference Committee allocated additional resources to support other Health and Aging initiatives, including:

▪ A Palliative Care Education Program	\$4.6 Million
▪ The Addition of 1,500 Assisted Living Program Beds	\$5.0 Million
▪ The Adult Home Quality Incentive Payment Program	\$2.8 Million
▪ Air Conditioning for Adult Home Residents Rooms	\$1.8 Million
▪ Enhanced Medicaid Funding for Emergency Transportation	\$3.0 Million
▪ Enhanced Medicaid Rates Rural Home Care Program	\$8.0 Million
▪ Enhanced Medicaid Rate for Hospitals in the Long Island Region	\$2.5 Million
▪ Public Health Initiatives	\$24.8 Million
▪ Aging Initiatives	\$6.5 Million

In addition to allocating the Health, Medicaid, and Aging Title Target the Subcommittee advances the following Article VII initiatives:

- Hospital Indigent Care Program
- Conversion
- Child Health Plus Expansion
- Family Health Plus
- Palliative Care Education and Training
- Managed Long Term Care
- False Claims Act
- Income Disregard for the Medically Needy
- EPIC
- BMI
- New York Wellness Works
- Home Telehealth Services
- Lead Prevention Pilot Program
- Child Health and Wellness
- Point of Entry
- Coordinating Council for Services Related to Alzheimer's Disease and Other Dementias
- Mature Worker Initiatives.
- Geriatric Home Medical Services

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