

Legislative Information for Provider Agencies

Support a **Stable Care System** for People with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (I/DD)

Decades of inadequate funding have caused severe staff shortages and left nonprofit provider agencies struggling to maintain facilities and provide the high quality of care that people with disabilities deserve.

OUR ASKS IN THE 2025-2026 NEW YORK STATE BUDGET

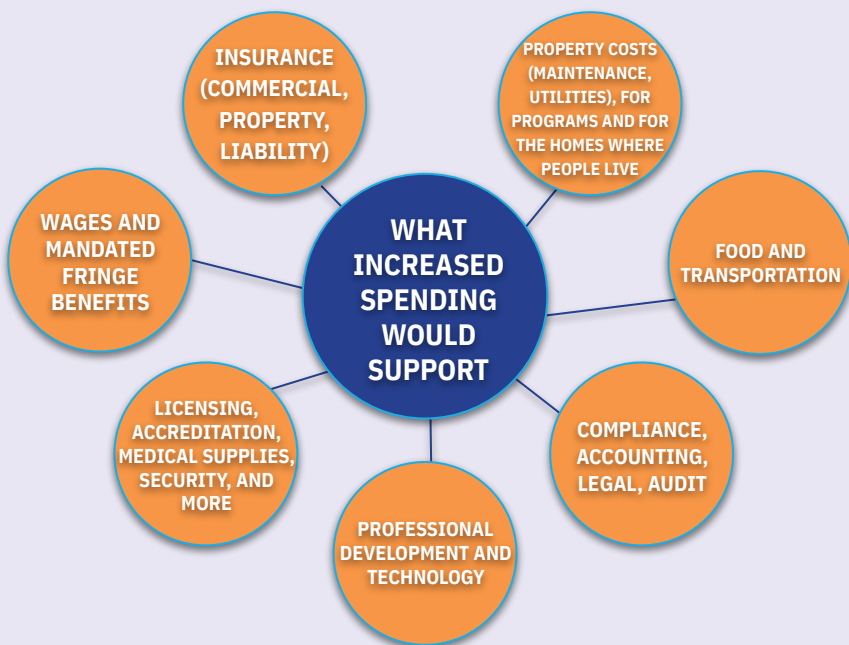
A 7.8% Medicaid rate increase to cover the true cost of care.

The creation of a Wage Commission to set adequate wages for direct support professionals and human service workers to improve recruitment and retention as well as provide a living wage that these providers deserve.

Enhanced capital funding to modernize facilities and meet climate goals, ensuring sustainability for the future.

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

During the 2025 Legislative Session, we will need you to weigh in on these asks with your legislators at key times:



Advocate for a 7.8% Medicaid rate increase, creating a process to provide adequate wages for direct support professionals, and enhanced capital funding to ensure quality care.

OUR MAIN MESSAGES

The Governor, Senate, and Assembly must support a **stable care system** for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

1 . Increased Medicaid Funding

- We need our legislators' support for a 7.8% Medicaid rate increase that truly reflects the cost of care.
- Medicaid rates go beyond just addressing wages. Rates for programs and services are all-inclusive and support the whole person. This means that every aspect of care, including direct support providers, housing, food, transportation, and more, receives necessary resources.
- This is more than just a budget request, it is a commitment to providing the stable care system that people with intellectual and developmental disabilities deserve.

2 . Adequate Wages for Human Services Workers

- Legislators should call on the Governor to convene a Commission to study and address wage inadequacy for human service workers, including direct support professionals.
- The creation of a Human Services Wage Commission is essential for our industry because we are struggling with high turnover rates and staffing shortages, making it difficult to operate effectively and meet the needs of those we support.

3 . Enhanced Capital Funding to Ensure Quality Care

- Provider agencies supporting the intellectual and developmental disabilities community can be part of the state's solution to meeting its ambitious climate goals but are in desperate need of upkeep and modernization.
- The best way to achieve this is to incentivize projects that support the state's climate goals and ensure adequate funding. We can create energy-efficient facilities that ensure long-term cost savings

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