

## SFY2027 Budget Priorities

### OFFICE FOR PEOPLE WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

- **Provide a 2.7% Targeted Inflationary Increase** for nonprofit IDD providers, representing an increase of 1% over the Governor’s budget proposal. **Include CCOs** as an integral component of service delivery.
- **Restore the OPWDD Healthcare Enhancement Program** to add a per-employee allocation of \$2,500 to be used to expand/enhance health insurance coverage and reduce out-of-pocket costs for frontline staff.
- **Establish a CareForce Affordable Housing Lottery Preference** to prioritize DSPs and other frontline workers for affordable units near their workplaces. **(Fahy S.8676)**
- **Establish an Employer-Assisted Housing Matching Grant Program** providing a 50% match, up to \$3,000 per worker annually—to support employees with security deposits, rent support, etc. **(Fahy S.8672)**
- **Create a SONYMA “CareForce” Homeownership Incentive** offering enhanced down payment assistance (up to \$20,000) and reduced mortgage interest rates (0.5–1% below market) for frontline care workers. **(Fahy S.8675)**
- **Accept Revenue Bill Part A** – Enhance the New York Child and Dependent Care Credit

### STATE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

- **FAPE 22:** Make students with disabilities eligible for state aid through June 30 of the year they turn 22.
- **Increase ETPP funding by \$10 million - \$5 million** to reflect inflationary costs and \$5 million to include additional direct care instructional titles.
- **Establish the Centers of Excellence in the Care and Treatment of Children with Autism Spectrum Disorders and Other Complex Disabilities** which will improve the quality of care for students with complex developmental disabilities and prevent out-of-state placements.

### DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

- **Early Intervention (EI)**
  - **Immediately implement the state share of the 5% EI increase** retroactive to 10/1/2024.
  - **Increase EI rates by 8%** to stabilize the NYS EI system.
  - **Include the EI Reform Bill (A.283-A Paulin/S.1222-A Rivera)** to conduct a comprehensive EI system assessment.
- **Health Equity for People with Developmental Disabilities**
  - **Fund the State share of the 30% increase to Article 28 clinics** supporting patients with IDD retroactive to 1/1/25.
  - **Authorize joint licensure for Article 28 and Article 16 clinics** that serve individuals with IDD.
  - **Exempt Article 28 clinic long-term therapy services from Medicaid Managed Care** for individuals with an IDD diagnosis.

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