

Issues impacting older residents
in the Proposed Executive
Budget

Part 1

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Significant need for services

New York State has the 4th largest population of older adults in the U.S.

3.2 million New Yorkers (16 percent of the population) over 65.

Compelling need for an investment in
care and a comprehensive roadmap for
meeting the needs of aging
New Yorkers

Establish a State Master Plan for Aging

“This master plan will coordinate all State policy and programs, creating a blueprint of strategies to ensure that older New Yorkers can live fulfilling lives, in good health, with the freedom and independence to age in place for as long as possible. This plan will also address challenges related to communication, coordination, caregiving, long-term financing, and innovative care models — all furthering the ability for more New Yorkers to age with dignity and independence.”

Program Name	2020-21 Governor's Proposed Budget	2021-22 Final Budget	2021-22 Final Budget	2022-23 Proposed Executive Budget
NEW: Funding for NYSOFA to Develop the State Master Plan on Aging				500,000

NYSOFA – New York State Office for the Aging



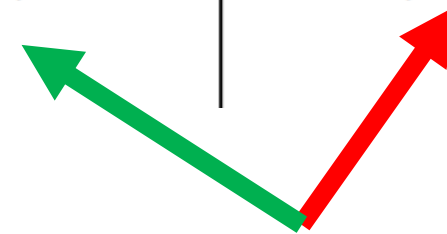
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EISEP Expanded In-home Services for the Elderly	⇒ +\$15m added by Governor to be used for any waiting list ⇒ Total: 65,120,000	65,120,000	Legislature added \$8m to be used for any waiting list to the prior year's \$15m Medicaid transfer to NYSOFA Total \$73,120,000	67,498,000 ⇒ +\$8,000,000 (previously added by the legislature) ⇒ Total \$75,498,000 ⇒ Increase of +\$2,378,000 ⇒ New: Up to \$2,000,000 of the amt. appropriated may be transferred to state operations for the administration of programs by NYSOFA
WIN Wellness in Nutrition (formerly SNAP)	28,281,000 An increase of 798,000	28,281,000	28,281,000	33,474,000 Increase of + \$ 5,193,000
CSE Community Services for the Elderly	32,051,000 28,933,000 baseline + 1,500,000 · 750,000 · 868,000	29,801,000 baseline +1,500,000 +750,000	32,051,000	33,617,000

- EISEP
- WIN
- CSE

- New funding for human services cost-of-living adjustments (COLAs)

StateWide's programs in the budget

Program Name	2020-21 Governor's Proposed Budget	2021-22 Final Budget	2021-22 Final Budget	2022-23 Proposed Executive Budget
MCCAP Managed Care Consumer Assistance Program	1,767,000	1,767,000	1,767,000	1,767,000
StateWide's Patient Rights Helpline	31,500	231,500 Note: \$200,000 added by Legislature	231,500	31,500



Next Steps – Call your legislators to support StateWide’s Patient Rights Helpline

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Volunteer Stipends

Program Name	2020-21 Governor's Proposed Budget	2020-21 Final Budget	2021-22 Final Budget	2022-23 Proposed Executive Budget
<p>HIICAP Health Insurance Information, Counseling and Assistance</p>	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	<p>1,000,000*</p> <p>*Additional \$150,000 volunteer retention stipend funding pool to be shared with ombudsman program</p>
<p>Long Term Care Ombudsman</p>	1,190,000	1,190,000	<p>1,190,000</p> <p>Legislature added \$250,000</p> <p>Total: 1,440,000</p>	<p>1,190,000*</p> <p>*Additional \$150,000 volunteer retention stipend funding pool to be shared with HIICAP</p>

Long Term Care Ombudsman Reforms

Program Name	2020-21 Governor's Proposed Budget	2021-22 Final Budget	2021-22 Final Budget	2022-23 Proposed Executive Budget
Long Term Care Ombudsman	1,190,000	1,190,000	1,190,000 Legislature added \$250,000 Total: 1,440,000	1,190,000* *Additional \$150,000 volunteer retention stipend funding pool to be shared with HIICAP

- In a 2019 study by the NYS Comptroller's Office, 30-percent of long-term care facilities in New York had not been visited by an ombudsman.
- Investment needed for more paid resident advocates
- \$1.6m in Dept. of Health budget
- an awareness program to promote the Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program
- Improving communication with ombudsman on surveys & complaints

Transportation through NYSOFA budget

Program Name	2020-21 Governor's Proposed Budget	2021-22 Final Budget	2021-22 Final Budget	2022-23 Proposed Executive Budget
Senior Transportation	1,121,000	1,121,000	1,121,000	1,121,000
NEW: Services and expenses for GoGo Grandparent for transportation expansion and capacity building				500,000

Naturally Occurring Retirement Communities

Program Name	2020-21 Governor's Proposed Budget	2021-22 Final Budget	2021-22 Final Budget	2022-23 Proposed Executive Budget
<p>NORCs Naturally Occurring Retirement Communities</p>	4,027,500	2,027,500 +2,000,000 +Budget includes an additional 325,000 for NORC/NNORC health indicators project	4,027,500* *Legislature added \$1m total for both NORC & NNORC use	4,027,500
<p>Neighborhood NORCs</p>	4,027,500	2,027,500 +2,000,000	4,027,500*	4,027,500

Caregiver Supports

Program Name	2020-21 Governor's Proposed Budget	2021-22 Final Budget	2021-22 Final Budget	2022-23 Proposed Executive Budget
Social Model Adult Day Services (SADS)	1,072,000	1,072,000	1,072,000	1,072,000
SADS Training Grant	122,500	122,500	122,500	122,500
Respite	656,000	656,000	656,000	656,000
Caregiver Resource Centers	353,000	353,000	353,000	353,000
NEW: Services and expenses to TRUALTA for caregiver training and supports				400,000

Miscellaneous

Program Name	2020-21 Governor's Proposed Budget	2021-22 Final Budget	2021-22 Final Budget	2022-23 Proposed Executive Budget
Association in Aging Training Grant	250,000	250,000	250,000	250,000
Foster Grandparents	98,000	98,000	98,000	98,000
Community Empowerment	122,500	122,500	122,500	122,500
Congregate Services Initiative	\$403,000	403,000	403,000	403,000

Preventing Elder Abuse (NYSOFA budget)

Program Name	2020-21 Governor's Proposed Budget	2021-22 Final Budget	2021-22 Final Budget	2022-23 Proposed Executive Budget
Elder Abuse Education and Outreach	745,000	745,000	745,000	745,000
Elder Abuse Multi-Disciplinary reports of suspected elder abuse or maltreatment	500,000	500,000	500,000	500,000

New York will establish a program to stop elder abuse and financial exploitation by establishing an Elder Abuse Financial Exploitation Prevention Program in the Department of Financial Services (DFS).

This program will provide professional bill paying services to vulnerable older adults and help identify financial exploitation when it is occurring

Social Isolation

- The Governor's budget proposes to use supportive services and new technology to combat social isolation and ensure information is readily available to older, rural, and low-income New Yorkers.
- She recommends expanding the current virtual programming of New York State Office for the Aging to more New Yorkers.

Investment in Preventing Social Isolation

Program Name	2020-21 Governor's Proposed Budget	2021-22 Final Budget	2021-22 Final Budget	2022-23 Proposed Executive Budget
NEW: Expansion of online classes for GetSetUp 20 to combat social isolation, improve health and wellness and provide lifelong learning opportunities				350,000
NEW: Joy for All Companion Pets to reduce social isolation				350,000
NEW: Expansion of online classes for Self Help, Inc to combat social isolation, improve health and wellness and provide lifelong learning opportunities				200,000
NEW: Accessing digital technology and assisting with accessing affordable internet services for low-income older adults				700,000

Advocacy Success!!!!!!!!!!!!

Ending discrimination in Medicaid eligibility proposal included in Governor's budget

- Improved eligibility criteria for senior and disabled New Yorkers who are enrolled in Medicare, raising the income eligibility level and eliminating an asset cap, allowing an additional 200,000 New Yorkers to access Medicaid coverage
- If adopted, effective starting January 1, 2023



Current Medicaid income limit for Medicare enrollees – about 87% FPL (\$10,600 annually for an individual and \$15,600 annually for a couple)

Budget proposal – income limit – 138% FPL (\$17,775 annually for an individual and \$24,040 annually for a couple)

Current Medicaid asset limit for Medicare enrollees an individual is limited to **\$15,900** in a bank account and a couple to **\$23,400**

Upcoming dates

- NYS Legislature Fiscal Hearing on the Governor's Proposed Budget on Human Services (includes NYSOFA among other agencies)
February 2nd 9:30 AM
Watch live or on tape
www.nyasembly.gov
- NYS Legislature Fiscal Hearing on the Governor's Proposed Budget on Health
February 8th 9:30 AM
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- StateWide's next budget briefing:
February 11, 2022
10 AM

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