



# URGE GOVERNOR HOCHUL TO INCLUDE A **20%** INCREASE TO THE NURSING HOME MEDICAID RATE IN HER EXECUTIVE BUDGET PROPOSAL!

## THE ISSUE:

- NY has not updated nursing home Medicaid rates in 15 years. Since then, **costs have risen by 42%**.
- **Medicaid pays for nearly 75%** of New York’s nursing home care.
- During the pandemic, as many states increased reimbursement to nursing homes, New York cut nursing home rates by 1.5%. New York restored the 2020 cut in 2022 and increased Medicaid rates across-the-board to all providers by 1%.
- Meanwhile...



Pennsylvania:  
17.5% Medicaid Rate  
Increase to NH in 2022



New Jersey: 10%  
Medicaid Rate Increase  
to NH (began in 2020)



California: 10% Medicaid  
Rate Increase to NH (began  
in 2020 & extended)

## THE IMPACT ON NEW YORKERS:

- **Inadequate nursing home rates jeopardize access and quality of health care for all New Yorkers.**
- Medicaid rates based on 2007 costs don’t allow nursing homes to pay competitive wages in 2022 and recruit and retain the staff they want and need.
- Medicaid rates impact the staffing levels in homes that care for our most vulnerable .
- **Nursing homes in New York have closed 6,700 beds because they can’t find the necessary staff.**



- When nursing home beds are closed, hospitals cannot discharge patients who need post-acute care, and hospitals become overcrowded. This jeopardizes access to health care for people of all ages and backgrounds.

## THE SOLUTION: **GOVERNOR HOCHUL MUST PROVIDE A 20% INCREASE TO THE NURSING HOME MEDICAID RATE IN HER SFY 2023-24 EXECUTIVE BUDGET PROPOSAL**

### A Medicaid rate that approaches 2022 costs would enable nursing homes to:

1. Raise wages and hire more nurses, aides and other staff.
2. Enhance the quality of care & quality of life for older adults and individuals with complex conditions who need nursing home care.
3. Ensure adequate access to care by reopening nursing home beds in areas where they are needed.
4. Ensure that hospitals can discharge patients who need nursing home care to a high-quality facility close to home.
5. Help hospitals discharge patients and make hospital beds available for those who need them.