

State Legislative Priorities 2017 Legislative Session

Home Care Reimbursement Act ([S.5841 \(Hannon\)](#)): This legislation directs the New York State Department of Health (DOH) to provide for the study and review of adequate reimbursement methodologies under managed care contracts and fee-for-service (FFS) Medicaid rates to ensure such rates are sufficient to support compensation for persons providing home care aide services and consumer directed personal assistance services (CDPAS).

Status: *This bill was reported to the Senate Finance Committee. The bill does not have an Assembly sponsor at this time.*

Home Care Recruitment & Retention Funds ([S.4848 \(Hannon\)](#)): This legislation would provide greater transparency and oversight in the distribution and allocation of recruitment, training and retention monies provided to managed care plans for distribution to home health care agencies by the State.

Status: *This legislation passed the Senate unanimously, and was reported to the Assembly Health Committee. The bill does not have an Assembly sponsor at this time.*

Community Paramedicine Collaborative Approach ([S.5588 \(Hannon\)](#)/[A.2733-A \(Gottfried\)](#)): The legislation would authorize collaborative programs for community paramedicine services as part of the hospital-home care-physician collaboration program. The bill would allow hospitals, physicians and home care agencies, in joint partnership, to develop and implement a collaborative program with emergency medical services (EMS) whereby at-risk individuals living in the community can be served by EMS for care other than the initial emergency medical care and transportation to the hospital.

Status: *This bill was placed on the Senate Floor Calendar, and remains in the Assembly Health Committee.*

CDPAS Fiscal Intermediary (FI) Authorization Extension ([S.5544 \(Hannon\)](#)/[A.7216 \(Gottfried\)](#)): This legislation amends the recently-enacted State Budget to make the effective date for FI authorization under the consumer directed personal assistance services (CDPAS) program January 1, 2018, provided that prior to this date, the Commissioner of Health has made regulations and taken other actions to implement the law. The amendment further provides that any entity serving as an FI prior to the act becoming law may operate for up to one year after the act takes effect in order to obtain authorization.

Status: *This bill was placed on the Senate Floor Calendar, and set on the Assembly Floor Calendar for 5/22.*

Rural Home Health ([S.5479 \(Little\)](#)/[A.6791 \(Jones\)](#)): This legislation would allow the Commissioner of Social Services to increase the reimbursement amount necessary to cover the disparate transportation costs associated with providing home health services in rural areas, and to develop methodologies for calculating such delivery costs, taking into account the costs associated with direct personal care.

Status: *This bill remains in the Senate and Assembly Health Committees.*

Telehealth through Home Care ([S.3937 \(Young\)](#)/[A.1535 \(Jenne\)](#)): This legislation makes amendments to the 2015 Telehealth Law to clarify that home care services delivered via telehealth shall be delivered solely by home care providers that are licensed or certified under Article 36 of the Public Health Law. It also creates telehealth parity within long term care insurance policies, and clarifies that remote patient monitoring is not a "visit" subject to "on-site visit" limits covered under such policies.

Status: *This bill was placed on the Senate Floor Calendar, and remains in the Assembly Health Committee.*