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Memo 26-09

To: Administrator, DNS, Owners, Operators, Interdisciplinary Team members and QA Committee

From: Michael Balboni, Executive Director and Mary Gracey-White RN, Director of Regulatory Compliance

Date: January 28 ,2026

Re: NYS Legislative and Budget Updates

GNYHCFA continues to follow both NYS legislative and budget updates impacting Skilled Nursing Facilities. Please see highlights below following the Governor's State of the State address:

- A proposed 11.4 percent **increase** in Medicaid spending for Fiscal year 2027.
- Restoration of the 10 percent capital rate cut This bill would make several changes to Medicaid long-term care program areas by restoring prior reductions to the nursing home capital rate component. **This bill would take effect April 1, 2026.**
- A proposed bill to **allow certified medication aides in residential health care facilities to administer routine medications to residents under the supervision of a registered nurse** and would remove the unnecessary exclusions preventing nurse practitioners from performing certain activities for their patients, even though such activities are within their scope of practice.
- A bill to reduce reliance on temporary health care staff, this bill would amend the Public Health Law to add clarifying language to ensure that temporary health care service agencies engaged in subcontracting or providing vendor management services register and report properly, as well as set maximum profits for such agencies. This bill would take effect one year after becoming law.

Additional Budget proposals involve:

- Expanding the Use of Artificial Intelligence Technology in Healthcare Safely and Equitably
- Expanding Healthcare Access through Workforce Investments
- Assisting Older Adults to Age in Place and Improving Access to End-of-Life Care

If you need additional information, please contact the Association. We will continue to keep you informed on issues impacting the industry.