

# What Does the New York State Budget Mean For You?

The 2023 New York State budget has made major funding commitments to support families, communities, and healthcare workers and institutions. Here are some key provisions and what they mean for New Yorkers.

ISSUE	WHAT IS IN THE BUDGET?	WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR YOU?	HOW DO YOU ACCESS IT?
<b>Safety Net Hospitals</b>	Funding for financially distressed and safety net hospitals	Safety net hospitals are a lifeline throughout the state especially for low-income New Yorkers. Funding shortages have caused many to shut down. The budget helps financially struggling hospitals to stay open and serve their communities.	Safety net hospitals will receive this additional funding through the state's Distressed Provider Assistance Account.
<b>Mental Health</b>	Grants to school districts for mental health services; funding for the suicide prevention & mental health hotline system; funding for hospital mental health services	The COVID pandemic has exposed the serious need for more mental health services in our communities as well as the inequality in access to these services. The budget provides funding to address these gaps.	If your family or community is seeking mental health services call your healthcare provider or school district to inquire about accessing these services.
<b>Homecare Workers</b>	\$3 hourly raise	Homecare workers have waited a long time to receive fair wages for the vital work they do. If the state Medicaid program pays homecare workers a better wage, this means families can hire quality care for their seniors and others who need homecare.	Homecare workers will receive this pay increase through their employers. It will be disbursed in installments starting October.
<b>Frontline Healthcare Workers</b>	Bonuses for our overworked healthcare workers who risked everything while working throughout the pandemic	Our frontline healthcare workers worked without a pause, risking their lives during the last two years of the COVID pandemic. The bonus recognizes their lifesaving work and very long hours.	The bonus will be paid to healthcare workers by the state through their employers.
<b>Medicaid Eligibility Expanded</b>	Expanded for <a href="#">all</a> low-income New Yorkers with disabilities, and age 65 and up	One in three New Yorkers rely on Medicaid. The budget expands the eligibility of Medicaid so that no New Yorker who needs healthcare should go without it.	Contact New York State of Health to check eligibility. Phone: (855) 355-5777 Website: <a href="https://nystateofhealth.ny.gov/">https://nystateofhealth.ny.gov/</a>
<b>Childcare</b>	Funding for childcare	Always a critical need for families, childcare became even more urgent during the pandemic. Eligibility for childcare is set at 300% of the federal poverty level – or a family of three making \$70,000 or less per year.	Contact your local assemblymember or senator's office for information. <i>or</i> Call the state's Office of Children and Family Services at 800-732-5207