

Medicaid Equity Now!

2025 BUDGET BREAKDOWN

After a fierce campaign waged by frontline healthcare workers, hospitals, faith leaders, and community and patient advocates, New York State passed a 2025 fiscal year budget that moves us one step closer to ending the Medicaid funding gap and delivering healthcare justice for millions of New Yorkers. Here's what we won, and what it means for healthcare:

TARGET	AMOUNT	SHORT TERM IMPACT	LONG TERM IMPACT
Hospitals and nursing homes	\$810 million to raise Medicaid rates across the board	A down payment on closing the Medicaid funding gap, making it more cost-effective to treat patients on Medicaid	Increases staffing, expands healthcare access, and allows for long-term innovation
Safety net hospitals	\$800 million in special funds and \$550 million to support new payment models	Addressing the special needs of financially struggling hospitals and the low-income populations they serve	Prevents cuts and closures, preserves access to care for millions of New Yorkers, and improves hospital facilities and operations
Future Medicaid investments	Potentially over \$1 billion through a new MCO (Managed Care Organization) tax, subject to federal approval	Beginning in 2025, MCO tax revenues go to a new Healthcare Stability Fund for Medicaid-related purposes	Long-term funding to address New York's systemic Medicaid underfunding and improve care for all New Yorkers



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The Healthcare Education Project is a joint initiative of 1199SEIU United Healthcare Workers East and the Greater New York Hospital Association. The two organizations represent over 300,000 healthcare workers and over 250 not-for-profit hospitals, nursing homes and care providers. The project's mission is to protect and expand access to quality, affordable healthcare for all New Yorkers.