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RMS End of Week Update 3/13/2026



Budget Update

The Senate and Assembly released their FY 2027 "one-house" budget bills this week and both houses passed their Budget Resolutions related to their house budget bills yesterday. 2 and 3-Way negotiations will now commence between the Senate, Assembly, and the Governor with a goal of reaching a final budget deal by the April 1 deadline.

Speaker Carl Heastie and Ways and Means Committee Chair J. Gary Pretlow announced that the Assembly passed a \$266 billion State Fiscal Year (SFY) Budget proposal or \$272 billion including funding for the Essential Plan, that will invest in New York's communities and make the state a more affordable place for families.

"The Assembly Majority is committed to investing in our communities, our families and in our future," Speaker Heastie said. "Our budget includes critical relief for hardworking families, makes college more affordable for more students and puts money back into communities across the state. We will continue working to make New York State a more affordable place to live, work and raise a family."

To view the Assembly's press release please click [here](#).

Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins commented on the Senate’s one house budget proposal stating “As Washington continues to cut essential programs New Yorkers rely on, our one-house budget aims to strengthen funding to support the well-being of New York’s working families and invest in local economies across our state. We are advancing a fiscally responsible budget that seeks to protect access to affordable healthcare coverage, get us closer to universal childcare, support small businesses, continue our climate goals, and strengthen overall investments to ensure the continued vibrancy and resiliency of our state’s diverse communities. While our state faces cuts from the federal government, our one-house budget advances responsible revenue raisers to provide municipalities with the funds they need to provide vital services and allocate resources towards the kitchen-table issues that impact the daily lives of New Yorkers. The Senate Majority remains firmly united in ensuring our state remains an affordable and equitable place to live for all New Yorkers.”

To view the Senate’s press release please click [here](#).

The RMS One House Budget Bills Revenue Chart is detailed below, and the full RMS Health/Mental Hygiene Budget Summary will be sent out shortly.

For more information on the Senate One House bill highlights please click [here](#).

For more information on the Assembly One House bill highlights please click [here](#).

RMS One House Budget Bills Revenue Chart

Please find linked below a complete tax table summarizing the Governor, Senate and Assembly Revenue and Tax proposal’s as printed in the Governor’s Executive Budget and the “One House’ Budget proposals printed Tuesday morning.

RMS Revenue and Tax Table

Legislature Announces General Conference Committee Appointments And Schedule

Today the NYS legislature announced the general conference committee and joint subcommittee appointments and the schedule. Please find them below.

2026 General Budget Conference Committee
Monday, March 16, 4:30 p.m.
Hearing Room B, Legislative Office Building

| Assembly | Senate |
|----------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Carl E. Heastie (Co-Chair) | Andrea Stewart-Cousins (Co-Chair) |

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|---------------------------|-------------------|
| J. Gary Pretlow | Liz Krueger |
| Crystal D. Peoples-Stokes | Michael Gianaris |
| Phil Ramos | José M. Serrano |
| Pamela J. Hunter* | Andrew Gounardes* |
| Edward P. Ra | Robert Ortt |
| Philip A. Palmesano* | Andrew Lanza* |

Joint Budget Subcommittees
CYCLE A
Tuesday, March 17, 4:00 p.m.

Public Protection / Criminal Justice / Judiciary
Hearing Room A, Legislative Office Building

| Assembly | Senate |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------|
| Jeffrey Dinowitz (Co-Chair) | Zellnor Myrie (Co-Chair) |
| Charles Lavine | Shelley B. Mayer |
| Erik M. Dilan | Julia Salazar |
| John T. McDonald III | Luis R. Sepúlveda |
| Keith Powers* | Jessica Scarcella-Spanton* |
| Diana Moreno* | Anthony H. Palumbo |
| Michael Reilly | Thomas F. O'Mara* |
| Andrea K. Bailey* | |

Mental Hygiene
Hearing Room C, Legislative Office Building

| Assembly | Senate |
|--------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Jo Anne Simon (Co-Chair) | Nathalia Fernandez (Co-Chair) |
| Phil Steck | Samra G. Brouk |
| Steve Stern | Patricia Fahy |
| Angelo Santabarbara | Lea Webb |
| Kwani O'Pharrow* | Sam Sutton* |
| Larinda C. Hooks* | Patricia Canzoneri-Fitzpatrick |
| Jodi Giglio | Jacob Ashby* |
| Joe Sempolinski* | |

CYCLE B
Tuesday, March 17, 4:30 p.m.

Environment / Agriculture / Housing
Hearing Room A, Legislative Office Building

| Assembly | Senate |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------|
| Deborah J. Glick (Co-Chair) | Pete Harckham (Co-Chair) |

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| Linda B. Rosenthal | Michelle Hinchey |
| Donna A. Lupardo | Brian Kavanagh |
| Ron Kim | Kevin S. Parker |
| Brian Cunningham* | Jose M. Serrano* |
| Jonathan G. Jacobson* | Jack M. Martins |
| Chris Tague | Pamela Helming* |
| John Lemondes* | |

**Transportation
Hearing Room C, Legislative Office Building**

| Assembly | Senate |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------|
| William B. Magnarelli (Co-Chair) | Jeremy Cooney (Co-Chair) |
| Ed Braunstein | Leroy Comrie |
| Didi Barrett | Monica R. Martinez |
| Karen McMahan | James Skoufis |
| Landon C. Dais* | John C. Liu* |
| Emérita Torres* | Mario R. Mattera |
| Brian D. Miller | Peter Oberacker * |
| Michael Durso* | |

**CYCLE C
Wednesday, March 18, 4:00 p.m.**

**Economic Development
Hearing Room A, Legislative Office Building**

| Assembly | Senate |
|----------------------|------------------------------|
| Al Stirpe (Co-Chair) | April N.M. Baskin (Co-Chair) |
| Carrie Woerner | Joseph P. Addabbo Jr. |
| Marianne Buttenschon | James Sanders Jr. |
| Steven Otis | Andrew Gounardes |
| Jordan J.G. Wright* | Michelle Hinchey* |
| Michael S. Cashman* | George M. Borrello |
| Matt Slater | Stephen T. Chan* |
| Scott Bendett* | |

**Health
Hearing Room C, Legislative Office Building**

| Assembly | Senate |
|-----------------------|---------------------------|
| Amy Paulin (Co-Chair) | Gustavo Rivera (Co-Chair) |
| David I. Weprin | Jamaal T. Bailey |
| Rebecca A. Seawright | Cordell Cleare |
| Karines Reyes | Nathalia Fernandez |

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|-------------------|---------------------|
| Rebecca Kassay* | Lea Webb* |
| Kalman Yeger* | Patrick M. Gallivan |
| Josh Jensen | Daniel G. Stec* |
| Jake Blumencranz* | |

CYCLE D

Wednesday, March 18, 4:30 p.m.

Education

Hearing Room A, Legislative Office Building

| Assembly | Senate |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Michael Benedetto (Co-Chair) | Shelley B. Mayer (Co-Chair) |
| Nily Rozic | John C. Liu |
| Clyde Vanel | Siela A. Bynoe |
| Robert C. Carroll | Toby Ann Stavisky |
| William Conrad* | Monica R. Martinez* |
| Noah Burroughs* | James Tedisco |
| Doug Smith | Bill Weber* |
| Patrick J. Chludzinski* | |

General Government / Local Assistance

Hearing Room C, Legislative Office Building

| Assembly | Senate |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Michaelle C. Solages (Co-Chair) | James Skoufis (Co-Chair) |
| Jaime R. Williams | Monica R. Martinez |
| Stacey Pheffer Amato | Robert Jackson |
| Patrick Burke | Christopher J. Ryan |
| Chris Burdick* | Erik Bottcher* |
| Paula Elaine Kay* | Mark Walczyk |
| Brian Manktelow | Alexis Weik* |
| Ari Brown* | James Skoufis (Co-Chair) |

CYCLE E

Wednesday, March 18, 5:00 p.m.

Higher Education

Hearing Room A, Legislative Office Building

| Assembly | Senate |
|---------------------------|------------------------------|
| Alicia Hyndman (Co-Chair) | Toby Ann Stavisky (Co-Chair) |
| William Colton | Rachel May |
| Latrice M. Walker | Kevin S. Parker |
| Charles D. Fall | Kristen Gonzalez |

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|-----------------------|------------------|
| Tommy John Schiavoni* | Robert Jackson* |
| Gabriella A. Romero* | Joseph A. Griffo |
| Robert Smullen | Dean Murray* |
| Sam Pirozzolo* | |

**Human Services / Labor
Hearing Room C, Legislative Office Building**

| Assembly | Senate |
|--------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Andrew Hevesi (Co-Chair) | Roxanne J. Persaud (Co-Chair) |
| Harry B. Bronson | Jabari Brisport |
| Maritza Davila | Jessica Ramos |
| Stefani Zinerman | Jessica Scarcella-Spanton |
| Sam Berger* | Jeremy J. Zellner* |
| Patrick J. Carroll* | Steven D. Rhoads |
| Michael Novakhov | Rob Rolison* |
| Andrew M. Molitor* | |

For more information, please click [here](#).

UHF Roundtable Discussion: Implementing H.R.1 and Preserving Health Coverage in NYS

On March 11th, the United Hospital Fund held a meeting to discuss H.R. 1 implementation with the State Health Department (DOH) and other stakeholders. Included below are some slides presented by DOH and notes related to their comments.

Background on Exemptions to Medicaid Work Requirements in HR 1

Exceptions to work requirements will be for individuals with a substance use disorder or “disabling mental disorder;” individuals in a “drug addiction or alcoholic treatment or rehabilitation program;” American Indians, Alaska Natives and California Indians; parents, guardians or caregivers of dependent children 13 years or younger or disabled individuals; veterans with total disability ratings; and former foster care youth under age 26, among others

CMS and states to varying extents, will likely determine specific definitions for several potentially ambiguous terms listed as exceptions (e.g., “disabling mental disorder”) through rulemaking. We understand that DOH plans to be as flexible as possible once all the federal guidance is released.

Outline of NYSDOH Discussion at UHF Event, 3/11/26

- Federal government has yet to issue regulations; DOH hopes to hear from them in the next couple of months and plans to hold quarterly webinars.

- DOH does not yet know how the federal government will define medical frailty, developmental disabilities or mental illness.
- Coding to identify medical frailty isn't finalized yet.
- In NYS, individuals experiencing short-term hardships will receive additional exemptions for circumstances including: receiving inpatient services in a hospital including psychiatric, nursing facilities, etc; living in a county with a federally declared disaster or emergency; and living in a county with high unemployment defined as at least 8% or 1.5 times higher than the national unemployment rate.
- Compliance documentation to verify work or volunteering is currently unclear; the state also needs the federal guidance.
- 30-day notice will be given to tell members that they are not exempt or non compliant
- Data source strategy: the State will pursue 4 options to automatically verify if members and new applicants are compliant or exempt (federal data sources, state agency data external DOH, state agency data internal DOH, third party solutions)
- DOH is prioritizing moving the ACA expansion population currently enrolled in local districts to the same enrollment and eligibility system before any of these changes take effect.
- HR1 hub combining procurement, MCO/provider engagement, IT technical planning, data and analytics, comms, policy, etc will allow them to collaborate, make shared decisions, and they meet weekly. Stakeholder engagement plans are being developed to ensure members experience a smooth transition.
- Clarification: An individual could be exempt from work & community engagement and still have to renew twice a year.

Policy Changes Outlined in H.R.1

| Checks & Restrictions on Eligibility & Enrollment | Reductions in Federal Funding | Changes to existing program financing mechanisms |
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| 1 Limits open enrollment period for the Marketplace | 1 Changes to Marketplace enhanced premium tax credits | 1 Strict budget neutrality for 1115 waivers |
| 2 Implementation of work and community engagement requirements | 2 Mandated cost-sharing ACA expansion adults | 2 Limits on provider taxes |
| 3 More frequent eligibility checks for expansion population | 3 Limits on FMAP for emergency Medicaid | 3 Restrictions on state-directed payments (SDPs) |
| 4 Verification of enrollee address and other information / concurrent enrollment | 4 Restrictions on certain erroneous Medicaid payments | 4 Provisions for rural health funding |
| 5 Limits on retroactive coverage for Medicaid and CHP | | |
| 6 Restriction on immigrants eligible for Medicaid and Premium Tax Credit | | |



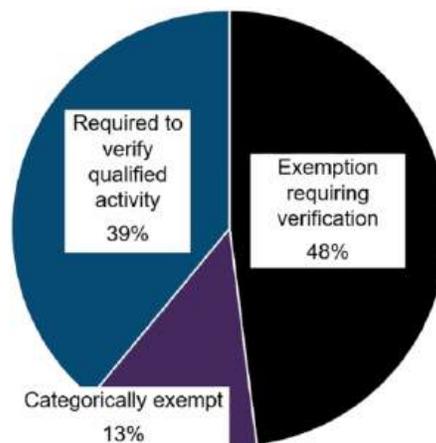
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| 80-Hour Monthly Requirement | Income Requirement | Look Back Period |
| <p>Medicaid expansion adults 19 - 64 who do not meet exemption must complete 80 hours of qualifying activities monthly*:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work or work program • Community service • Education program, at least half time | <p>Individuals also can meet work & community engagement requirements if their monthly income is at least \$580/month</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seasonal workers assessed on previous six-month average income to determine if they meet income requirements. | <p>New applicants must comply one month prior to application</p> <p>Renewing members must comply in any one month in the previous six months</p> |

*Or a combination of these activities

+ Work & Community Engagement Population Distribution (Preliminary Estimates)

Medicaid Enrollees Subject to Work Requirements (N= 2 Million)

| Total | 100% | 2,000,000 |
|---------------------------------------|------|-----------|
| Categorically exempt | ~13% | 260,000 |
| Exemption requiring verification | ~48% | 957,000 |
| Required to verify qualified activity | ~39% | 783,000 |



Scenario 1: New Applicant or Renewal Before January 1, 2027

- ✓ Receives 12 months of coverage
- ✓ Transitions to 6-month renewals afterward



Scenario 2: New Applicant or Renewal On/After January 1, 2027

- ✓ Renewed in 6-month increments if state confirms eligibility



For more information please click [here](#).

NYS COVID-19 Monitoring Dashboard

Use this link to view the State's updated [COVID-19 Hub](#).

NYS COVID-19 Fatalities Tracker

We have included the Fatalities Tracker webpage where updated numbers can be found throughout the week, linked [here](#).

Helpful Links and Resources

RMS Revenue and Tax Table

Assembly Yellow Book

Senate Blue Blook

FY 27 Senate Finance Economic and Revenue Report

FY27 Assembly Ways & Means Economic and Revenue Report

Empire State Development Tariff Resource Guide

Eliminating Distractions In Schools Resource

[Center for Disease Control and Prevention](#)

[Department of Financial Services information and resources](#)

[New York COVID-19 Vaccine Information Page](#)

Department of Health

<https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/home>

[COVID-19 Guidance for Medicaid Providers](#)

Office of Mental Health

<https://omh.ny.gov/omhweb/covid-19-resources.html>

OPWDD

<https://opwdd.ny.gov/coronavirus-guidance>

State Education Department

<http://www.op.nysed.gov/COVID-19.html>

NYS Department of Labor

<https://dol.ny.gov/>