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## IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sen. KRUEGER -- (at request of the Governor) -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Rules

AN ACT making appropriations for the support of government; and providing for the repeal of such provisions upon expiration thereof

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

1 Section 1. Legislative intent. The legislature hereby finds and  
2 declares that the enactment of these appropriations provides sufficient  
3 authority to the comptroller for the purpose of making payments for the  
4 purposes described herein until such time as appropriation bills submit-  
5 ted by the governor pursuant to article VII of the state constitution  
6 for the support of government for the state fiscal year beginning April  
7 1, 2025 are enacted.

8 § 2. The amounts specified in this section, or so much thereof as  
9 shall be sufficient to accomplish the purposes designated, is hereby  
10 appropriated and authorized to be paid as hereinafter provided, to the  
11 public officers and for the purpose specified, which amount shall be  
12 available for the state fiscal year beginning April 1, 2025.

13 ALL STATE DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES

14 For the purpose of making payments for  
15 personal service, including liabilities  
16 incurred prior to April 1, 2025, on the  
17 payrolls scheduled to be paid during the  
18 period April 1 through April 3, 2025 to  
19 state officers and employees of the execu-  
20 tive branch. This appropriation also  
21 includes payments for services performed

EXPLANATION--Matter in italics (underscored) is new; matter in brackets  
[-] is old law to be omitted.

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1 by mentally ill or developmentally disa-  
 2 bled persons who are employed in state-op-  
 3 erated special employment, work-for-pay or  
 4 sheltered workshop programs ..... 279,930,000  
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6 § 3. The amount specified in this section, or so much thereof as shall  
 7 be sufficient to accomplish the purpose designated, is hereby appropri-  
 8 ated and authorized to be paid as hereinafter provided, to the public  
 9 officers and for the purpose specified, which amount shall be available  
 10 for the state fiscal year beginning April 1, 2025.

11 ALL STATE DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES

12 For the payment of state operations non  
 13 personal service liabilities to the execu-  
 14 tive branch, including the comptroller,  
 15 and the attorney general, incurred in the  
 16 ordinary course of business, during the  
 17 period April 1 through April 3, 2025,  
 18 pursuant to existing state law and for  
 19 purposes for which the legislature author-  
 20 ized the expenditure of moneys during the  
 21 2024-2025 state fiscal year; provided,  
 22 however, that nothing contained herein  
 23 shall be deemed to limit or restrict the  
 24 power or authority of state departments or  
 25 agencies to conduct their activities or  
 26 operations in accordance with existing  
 27 law, and further provided that nothing  
 28 contained herein shall be deemed to super-  
 29 sede, nullify or modify the provisions of  
 30 section 40 of the state finance law  
 31 prescribing when appropriations made for  
 32 the 2024-2025 state fiscal year shall have  
 33 ceased to have force and effect ..... 10,000,000  
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35 § 4. The amounts specified in this section, or so much thereof as  
 36 shall be sufficient to accomplish the purposes designated, is hereby  
 37 appropriated and authorized to be paid as hereinafter provided, to the  
 38 public officers and for the purposes specified, which amount shall be  
 39 available for the state fiscal year beginning April 1, 2025.

40 MISCELLANEOUS -- ALL STATE DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES

41 GENERAL STATE CHARGES

42 STATE OPERATIONS  
 43 GENERAL STATE CHARGES ..... 20,650,000  
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45 General Fund  
 46 State Purposes Account - 10050

1 For employee fringe benefits according to  
 2 the following project schedule including  
 3 those benefits which are related to  
 4 employees paid from funds, accounts, or  
 5 programs where the division of the budget  
 6 has issued waivers ..... 20,650,000

7 Project Schedule

8 PROJECT	9 AMOUNT
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10 For the state's contribution	
11 to the social security	
12 contribution fund .....	20,300,000
13 For the payment of the metro-	
14 politan commuter transporta-	
15 tion mobility tax pursuant	
16 to article 23 of the tax	
17 law, as added by chapter 25	
18 of the laws of 2009, on	
19 behalf of the state employ-	
20 ees employed in the metro-	
21 politan commuter transporta-	
22 tion district .....	350,000
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24 Project schedule total ....	20,650,000
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26 § 5. The amounts specified in this section, or so much thereof as  
 27 shall be sufficient to accomplish the purposes designated, is hereby  
 28 appropriated and authorized to be paid as hereinafter provided, to the  
 29 public officers and for the purposes specified, which amount shall be  
 30 available for the state fiscal year beginning April 1, 2025.

31 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

32 AID TO LOCALITIES

33 CENTER FOR COMMUNITY HEALTH PROGRAM ..... 3,210,000  
 34 -----

35 Special Revenue Funds - Federal  
 36 Federal USDA-Food and Nutrition Services Fund  
 37 Federal Food and Nutrition Services Account - 25022

38 For various federal food and nutritional  
 39 services. The moneys hereby appropriated  
 40 shall be available for payment of finan-  
 41 cial assistance heretofore accrued (26986) ... 3,210,000  
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43 MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM ..... 1,111,204,000  
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45 General Fund  
 46 Local Assistance Account - 10000

1 For the medical assistance program, includ-  
2 ing administrative expenses, for local  
3 social services districts, and for medical  
4 care rates for authorized child care agen-  
5 cies.

6 Notwithstanding section 40 of the state  
7 finance law or any provision of law to the  
8 contrary, subject to federal approval,  
9 department of health state funds medicaid  
10 spending, excluding payments for medical  
11 services provided at state facilities  
12 operated by the office of mental health,  
13 the office for people with developmental  
14 disabilities and the office of addiction  
15 services and supports and further exclud-  
16 ing any payments which are not appropri-  
17 ated within the department of health, in  
18 the aggregate, for the period April 1,  
19 2025 through March 31, 2026, shall not  
20 exceed \$33,417,285,000 except as provided  
21 below provided, however, such aggregate  
22 limits may be adjusted by the director of  
23 the budget to account for any changes in  
24 the New York state federal medical assist-  
25 ance percentage amount established pursu-  
26 ant to the federal social security act,  
27 increases in provider revenues, reductions  
28 in local social services district payments  
29 for medical assistance administration,  
30 minimum wage increases, and beginning  
31 April 1, 2012 the operational costs of the  
32 New York state medical indemnity fund,  
33 pursuant to chapter 59 of the laws of  
34 2011, and state costs or savings from the  
35 essential plan program. Such projections  
36 may be adjusted by the director of the  
37 budget to account for increased or expe-  
38 dited department of health state funds  
39 medicaid expenditures as a result of a  
40 natural or other type of disaster, includ-  
41 ing a governmental declaration of emergen-  
42 cy.

43 The director of the budget, in consultation  
44 with the commissioner of health, shall  
45 assess on a quarterly basis known and  
46 projected medicaid expenditures by catego-  
47 ry of service and by geographic region, as  
48 defined by the commissioner, incurred both  
49 prior to and subsequent to such assessment  
50 for each such period, and if the director  
51 of the budget determines that such expend-  
52 itures are expected to cause medicaid  
53 spending for such period to exceed the  
54 aggregate limit specified herein for such  
55 period, the state medicaid director, in  
56 consultation with the director of the

1 budget and the commissioner of health,  
2 shall develop a medicaid savings allo-  
3 cation adjustment to limit such spending  
4 to the aggregate limit specified herein  
5 for such period.

6 Such medicaid savings allocation adjustment  
7 shall be designed, to reduce the expendi-  
8 tures authorized by the appropriations  
9 herein in compliance with the following  
10 guidelines: (1) reductions shall be made  
11 in compliance with applicable federal law,  
12 including the provisions of the Patient  
13 Protection and Affordable Care Act, Public  
14 Law No. 111-148, and the Health Care and  
15 Education Reconciliation Act of 2010,  
16 Public Law No. 111-152 (collectively  
17 "Affordable Care Act") and any subsequent  
18 amendments thereto or regulations promul-  
19 gated thereunder; (2) reductions shall be  
20 made in a manner that complies with the  
21 state medicaid plan approved by the feder-  
22 al centers for medicare and medicaid  
23 services, provided, however, that the  
24 commissioner of health is authorized to  
25 submit any state plan amendment or seek  
26 other federal approval, including waiver  
27 authority, to implement the provisions of  
28 the medicaid savings allocation adjustment  
29 that meets the other criteria set forth  
30 herein; (3) reductions shall be made in a  
31 manner that maximizes federal financial  
32 participation, to the extent practicable,  
33 including any federal financial partic-  
34 ipation that is available or is reasonably  
35 expected to become available, in the  
36 discretion of the commissioner, under the  
37 Affordable Care Act; (4) reductions shall  
38 be made uniformly among categories of  
39 services and geographic regions of the  
40 state, to the extent practicable, and  
41 shall be made uniformly within a category  
42 of service, to the extent practicable,  
43 except where the commissioner determines  
44 that there are sufficient grounds for  
45 non-uniformity, including but not limited  
46 to: the extent to which specific catego-  
47 ries of services contributed to department  
48 of health medicaid state funds spending in  
49 excess of the limits specified herein; the  
50 need to maintain safety net services in  
51 underserved communities; or the potential  
52 benefits of pursuing innovative payment  
53 models contemplated by the Affordable Care  
54 Act, in which case such grounds shall be  
55 set forth in the medicaid savings allo-  
56 cation adjustment; and (5) reductions

1 shall be made in a manner that does not  
2 unnecessarily create administrative  
3 burdens to medicaid applicants and recipi-  
4 ents or providers.

5 The commissioner shall seek the input of the  
6 legislature, as well as organizations  
7 representing health care providers,  
8 consumers, businesses, workers, health  
9 insurers, and others with relevant exper-  
10 tise, in developing such medicaid savings  
11 allocation adjustment, to the extent that  
12 all or part of such adjustment, in the  
13 discretion of the commissioner, is likely  
14 to have a material impact on the overall  
15 medicaid program, particular categories of  
16 service or particular geographic regions  
17 of the state.

18 (a) The commissioner shall post the medicaid  
19 savings allocation adjustment on the  
20 department of health's website and shall  
21 provide written copies of such adjustment  
22 to the chairs of the senate finance and  
23 the assembly ways and means committees at  
24 least 30 days before the date on which  
25 implementation is expected to begin.

26 (b) The commissioner may revise the medicaid  
27 savings allocation adjustment subsequent  
28 to the provisions of notice and prior to  
29 implementation but needs to provide a new  
30 notice pursuant to subparagraph (i) of  
31 this paragraph only if the commissioner  
32 determines, in his or her discretion, that  
33 such revisions materially alter the  
34 adjustment.

35 Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraphs  
36 (a) and (b) of this subdivision, the  
37 commissioner need not seek the input  
38 described in paragraph (a) of this subdivi-  
39 sion or provide notice pursuant to para-  
40 graph (b) of this subdivision if, in the  
41 discretion of the commissioner, expedited  
42 development and implementation of a medi-  
43 caid savings allocation adjustment is  
44 necessary due to a public health emergen-  
45 cy.

46 For purposes of this section, a public  
47 health emergency is defined as: (i) a  
48 disaster, natural or otherwise, that  
49 significantly increases the immediate need  
50 for health care personnel in an area of  
51 the state; (ii) an event or condition that  
52 creates a widespread risk of exposure to a  
53 serious communicable disease, or the  
54 potential for such widespread risk of  
55 exposure; or (iii) any other event or  
56 condition determined by the commissioner

1 to constitute an imminent threat to public  
2 health.

3 Nothing in this paragraph shall be deemed to  
4 prevent all or part of such medicaid  
5 savings allocation adjustment from taking  
6 effect retroactively to the extent permit-  
7 ted by the federal centers for medicare  
8 and medicaid services.

9 In accordance with the medicaid savings  
10 allocation adjustment, the commissioner of  
11 the department of health shall reduce  
12 department of health state funds medicaid  
13 spending by the amount of the projected  
14 overspending through, actions including,  
15 but not limited to modifying or suspending  
16 reimbursement methods, including but not  
17 limited to all fees, premium levels and  
18 rates of payment, notwithstanding any  
19 provision of law that sets a specific  
20 amount or methodology for any such  
21 payments or rates of payment; modifying or  
22 discontinuing medicaid program benefits;  
23 seeking all necessary federal approvals,  
24 including, but not limited to waivers,  
25 waiver amendments; and suspending time  
26 frames for notice, approval or certif-  
27 ication of rate requirements, notwith-  
28 standing any provision of law, rule or  
29 regulation to the contrary, including but  
30 not limited to sections 2807 and 3614 of  
31 the public health law, section 18 of chap-  
32 ter 2 of the laws of 1988, and 18 NYCRR  
33 505.14(h).

34 The department of health shall prepare a  
35 quarterly report that sets forth: (a)  
36 known and projected department of health  
37 medicaid expenditures as described in  
38 subdivision (1) of this section, and  
39 factors that could result in medicaid  
40 disbursements for the relevant state  
41 fiscal year to exceed the projected  
42 department of health state funds disburse-  
43 ments in the enacted budget financial plan  
44 pursuant to subdivision 3 of section 23 of  
45 the state finance law, including spending  
46 increases or decreases due to: enrollment  
47 fluctuations, rate changes, utilization  
48 changes, MRT investments, and shift of  
49 beneficiaries to managed care; and vari-  
50 ations in offline medicaid payments; and  
51 (b) the actions taken to implement any  
52 medicaid savings allocation adjustment  
53 implemented pursuant to subdivision (4) of  
54 this section, including information  
55 concerning the impact of such actions on  
56 each category of service and each

1 geographic region of the state. Each such  
2 quarterly report shall be provided to the  
3 chairs of the senate finance and the  
4 assembly ways and means committees and  
5 shall be posted on the department of  
6 health's website in a timely manner.

7 The money hereby appropriated is to be  
8 available for payment of aid heretofore  
9 accrued or hereafter accrued to municipi-  
10 palities, and to providers of medical  
11 services pursuant to section 367-b of the  
12 social services law, and for payment of  
13 state aid to municipalities and to provid-  
14 ers of family care where payment systems  
15 through the fiscal intermediaries are not  
16 operational.

17 Notwithstanding any inconsistent provision  
18 of law to the contrary, funds may be used  
19 by the department for outside legal  
20 assistance on issues involving the federal  
21 government, the conduct of preadmission  
22 screening and annual resident reviews  
23 required by the state's medicaid program,  
24 computer matching with insurance carriers  
25 to insure that medicaid is the payer of  
26 last resort and activities related to the  
27 management of the pharmacy benefit avail-  
28 able under the medicaid program.

29 Notwithstanding any inconsistent provision  
30 of law, in lieu of payments authorized by  
31 the social services law, or payments of  
32 federal funds otherwise due to the local  
33 social services districts for programs  
34 provided under the federal social security  
35 act or the federal food stamp act, funds  
36 herein appropriated, in amounts certified  
37 by the state commissioner of temporary and  
38 disability assistance or the state commis-  
39 sioner of health as due from local social  
40 services districts each month as their  
41 share of payments made pursuant to section  
42 367-b of the social services law may be  
43 set aside by the state comptroller in an  
44 interest-bearing account in order to  
45 ensure the orderly and prompt payment of  
46 providers under section 367-b of the  
47 social services law pursuant to an esti-  
48 mate provided by the commissioner of  
49 health of each local social services  
50 district's share of payments made pursuant  
51 to section 367-b of the social services  
52 law.

53 Notwithstanding any inconsistent provision  
54 of law, funding made available by these  
55 appropriations shall support direct salary  
56 costs and related fringe benefits within

1 the medical assistance program associated  
2 with any minimum wage increase that takes  
3 effect during the timeframe of these  
4 appropriations, pursuant to section 652 of  
5 the labor law. Each eligible organization  
6 in receipt of funding made available by  
7 these appropriations may be required to  
8 submit written certification, in such form  
9 and at such time the commissioner may  
10 prescribe, attesting to the total amount  
11 of funds used by the eligible organiza-  
12 tion, how such funding will be or was used  
13 for purposes eligible under these appro-  
14 priations and any other reporting deemed  
15 necessary by the commissioner. The amounts  
16 appropriated herein may include advances  
17 to organizations authorized to receive  
18 such funds to accomplish this purpose.

19 Notwithstanding any other provision of law,  
20 the money hereby appropriated may be  
21 increased or decreased by interchange or  
22 transfer, with any appropriation of the  
23 department of health and the office of  
24 medicaid inspector general and may be  
25 increased or decreased by transfer or  
26 suballocation between these appropriated  
27 amounts and appropriations of the depart-  
28 ment of health state purpose account, the  
29 office of mental health, office for people  
30 with developmental disabilities, the  
31 office of addiction services and supports,  
32 the department of family assistance office  
33 of temporary and disability assistance,  
34 the department of corrections and communi-  
35 ty supervision, the office of information  
36 technology services, the state university  
37 of New York, and office of children and  
38 family services, the office of medicaid  
39 inspector general, the state education  
40 department, and the state office for the  
41 aging with the approval of the director of  
42 the budget, who shall file such approval  
43 with the department of audit and control  
44 and copies thereof with the chairman of  
45 the senate finance committee and the  
46 chairman of the assembly ways and means  
47 committee.

48 Notwithstanding any inconsistent provision  
49 of law to the contrary, the moneys hereby  
50 appropriated may be used for payments to  
51 the centers for medicaid and medicare  
52 services for obligations incurred related  
53 to the pharmaceutical costs of dually  
54 eligible medicare/medicaid beneficiaries  
55 participating in the medicare drug benefit  
56 authorized by P.L. 108-173.

1 Notwithstanding any inconsistent provision  
2 of law, the moneys hereby appropriated  
3 shall not be used for any existing rates,  
4 fees, fee schedule, or procedures which  
5 may affect the cost of care and services  
6 provided by personal care providers, case  
7 managers, health maintenance organiza-  
8 tions, out of state medical facilities  
9 which provide care and services to resi-  
10 dents of the state, providers of transpor-  
11 tation services, that are altered,  
12 amended, adjusted or otherwise changed by  
13 a local social services district unless  
14 previously approved by the department of  
15 health and the director of the budget.

16 Notwithstanding any inconsistent provision  
17 of law to the contrary, funds shall be  
18 made available to the commissioner of the  
19 office of mental health or the commis-  
20 sioner of the office of addiction services and  
21 supports, in consultation with the commis-  
22 sioner of health and approved by the  
23 director of the budget, and consistent  
24 with appropriations made therefor, to  
25 implement allocation adjustment developed  
26 by each such commissioner which shall  
27 describe mental health or substance use  
28 disorder services that should be developed  
29 to meet service needs resulting from the  
30 reduction of inpatient behavioral health  
31 services provided under the medicaid  
32 program, by programs licensed pursuant to  
33 article 31 or 32 of the mental hygiene  
34 law. Such programs may include programs  
35 that are licensed pursuant to both article  
36 31 of the mental hygiene law and article  
37 28 of the public health law, or certified  
38 under both article 32 of the mental  
39 hygiene law and article 28 of the public  
40 health law.

41 Notwithstanding any inconsistent provision  
42 of law, the moneys hereby appropriated may  
43 be available for payments associated with  
44 the resolution by settlement agreement or  
45 judgment of rate appeals and/or litigation  
46 where the department of health is a party.

47 For services and expenses of the medical  
48 assistance program including hospital  
49 inpatient services and general hospitals  
50 that are safety-net providers that evince  
51 severe financial distress, pursuant to  
52 criteria determined by the commissioner,  
53 shall be eligible for awards for amounts  
54 appropriated herein, to enable such  
55 providers to maintain operations and vital  
56 services while establishing long term

1 solutions to achieve sustainable health  
2 services.  
3 Notwithstanding any inconsistent provisions  
4 of law, no expenditures shall be used for  
5 the medical assistance program for any  
6 expenses not explicitly authorized in law  
7 without the approval of the director of  
8 the budget.  
9 Notwithstanding any provision of law to the  
10 contrary, the portion of this appropri-  
11 ation covering fiscal year 2025-26 shall  
12 supersede and replace any duplicative (i)  
13 reappropriation for this item covering  
14 fiscal year 2025-26, and (ii) appropri-  
15 ation for this item covering fiscal year  
16 2025-26 set forth in chapter 53 of the  
17 laws of 2024 (26947) ..... 20,200,000  
18 For services and expenses of the medical  
19 assistance program including hospital  
20 outpatient and emergency room services.  
21 Notwithstanding any provision of law to the  
22 contrary, the portion of this appropri-  
23 ation covering fiscal year 2025-26 shall  
24 supersede and replace any duplicative (i)  
25 reappropriation for this item covering  
26 fiscal year 2025-26, and (ii) appropri-  
27 ation for this item covering fiscal year  
28 2025-26 set forth in chapter 53 of the  
29 laws of 2024 (26948) ..... 5,216,000  
30 For services and expenses of the medical  
31 assistance program including clinic  
32 services.  
33 Notwithstanding any provision of law to the  
34 contrary, the portion of this appropri-  
35 ation covering fiscal year 2025-26 shall  
36 supersede and replace any duplicative (i)  
37 reappropriation for this item covering  
38 fiscal year 2025-26, and (ii) appropri-  
39 ation for this item covering fiscal year  
40 2025-26 set forth in chapter 53 of the  
41 laws of 2024 (26949) ..... 9,513,000  
42 For services and expenses of the medical  
43 assistance program including nursing home  
44 services.  
45 Notwithstanding any provision of law to the  
46 contrary, the portion of this appropri-  
47 ation covering fiscal year 2025-26 shall  
48 supersede and replace any duplicative (i)  
49 reappropriation for this item covering  
50 fiscal year 2025-26, and (ii) appropri-  
51 ation for this item covering fiscal year  
52 2025-26 set forth in chapter 53 of the  
53 laws of 2024 (26950) ..... 25,468,000  
54 For services and expenses of the medical  
55 assistance program including other long  
56 term care services.

1 Notwithstanding any provision of law to the  
 2 contrary, the portion of this appropri-  
 3 ation covering fiscal year 2025-26 shall  
 4 supersede and replace any duplicative (i)  
 5 reappropriation for this item covering  
 6 fiscal year 2025-26, and (ii) appropri-  
 7 ation for this item covering fiscal year  
 8 2025-26 set forth in chapter 53 of the  
 9 laws of 2024 (26951) ..... 70,389,000

10 For services and expenses of the medical  
 11 assistance program including managed care  
 12 services including regional planning  
 13 activities of the finger lakes health  
 14 systems agency, including statewide coor-  
 15 dination and demonstration of best prac-  
 16 tices. The department shall make grants  
 17 within amounts appropriated therefor, to  
 18 assure high-quality and accessible primary  
 19 care, to provide technical assistance to  
 20 support financial and business planning  
 21 for integrated systems of care, and to  
 22 assist primary care providers in the  
 23 adoption, implementation, and meaningful  
 24 use of electronic health record technolo-  
 25 gy.

26 Notwithstanding any provision of law to the  
 27 contrary, the portion of this appropri-  
 28 ation covering fiscal year 2025-26 shall  
 29 supersede and replace any duplicative (i)  
 30 reappropriation for this item covering  
 31 fiscal year 2025-26, and (ii) appropri-  
 32 ation for this item covering fiscal year  
 33 2025-26 set forth in chapter 53 of the  
 34 laws of 2024 (26952) ..... 43,431,000

35 For services and expenses for health homes  
 36 including grants to health homes.

37 Notwithstanding any provision of law to the  
 38 contrary, the portion of this appropri-  
 39 ation covering fiscal year 2025-26 shall  
 40 supersede and replace any duplicative (i)  
 41 reappropriation for this item covering  
 42 fiscal year 2025-26, and (ii) appropri-  
 43 ation for this item covering fiscal year  
 44 2025-26 set forth in chapter 53 of the  
 45 laws of 2024 (29548) ..... 3,016,000

46 For services and expenses of the medical  
 47 assistance program including pharmacy  
 48 services provided, however, that no funds  
 49 shall be made available pursuant to this  
 50 appropriation for any drug not explicitly  
 51 authorized in any enacted law, rule, or  
 52 regulation without approval from the  
 53 director of the budget.

54 Notwithstanding any provision of law to the  
 55 contrary, the portion of this appropri-  
 56 ation covering fiscal year 2025-26 shall

1 supersede and replace any duplicative (i)  
2 reappropriation for this item covering  
3 fiscal year 2025-26, and (ii) appropri-  
4 ation for this item covering fiscal year  
5 2025-26 set forth in chapter 53 of the  
6 laws of 2024 (26953) ..... 48,476,000  
7 For services and expenses of the medical  
8 assistance program including transporta-  
9 tion services.

10 Notwithstanding any provision of law to the  
11 contrary, the portion of this appropri-  
12 ation covering fiscal year 2025-26 shall  
13 supersede and replace any duplicative (i)  
14 reappropriation for this item covering  
15 fiscal year 2025-26, and (ii) appropri-  
16 ation for this item covering fiscal year  
17 2025-26 set forth in chapter 53 of the  
18 laws of 2024 (26954) ..... 7,172,000  
19 For services and expenses of the medical  
20 assistance program including dental  
21 services.

22 Notwithstanding any provision of law to the  
23 contrary, the portion of this appropri-  
24 ation covering fiscal year 2025-26 shall  
25 supersede and replace any duplicative (i)  
26 reappropriation for this item covering  
27 fiscal year 2025-26, and (ii) appropri-  
28 ation for this item covering fiscal year  
29 2025-26 set forth in chapter 53 of the  
30 laws of 2024 (26955) ..... 82,000  
31 For services and expenses of the medical  
32 assistance program including non-institu-  
33 tional and other spending.

34 The money hereby appropriated is available  
35 for payment of liabilities heretofore  
36 accrued or hereafter accrued.

37 Notwithstanding any inconsistent provision  
38 of law, the money hereby appropriated may  
39 be available for payments to any county or  
40 public school districts associated with  
41 additional claims for school supportive  
42 health services.

43 Notwithstanding any provision of law to the  
44 contrary, the portion of this appropri-  
45 ation covering fiscal year 2025-26 shall  
46 supersede and replace any duplicative (i)  
47 reappropriation for this item covering  
48 fiscal year 2025-26, and (ii) appropri-  
49 ation for this item covering fiscal year  
50 2025-26 set forth in chapter 53 of the  
51 laws of 2024 (26956) ..... 19,802,000  
52 For services and expenses of the medical  
53 assistance program including medical  
54 services provided at state facilities  
55 operated by the office of mental health,  
56 the office for people with developmental

1 disabilities and the office of addiction  
 2 services and supports.  
 3 Notwithstanding any provision of law to the  
 4 contrary, the portion of this appropri-  
 5 ation covering fiscal year 2025-26 shall  
 6 supersede and replace any duplicative (i)  
 7 reappropriation for this item covering  
 8 fiscal year 2025-26, and (ii) appropri-  
 9 ation for this item covering fiscal year  
 10 2025-26 set forth in chapter 53 of the  
 11 laws of 2024 (26961) ..... 83,400,000  
 12 -----

13 Special Revenue Funds - Federal  
 14 Federal Health and Human Services Fund  
 15 Medicaid Direct Account - 25106

16 For services and expenses for the medical  
 17 assistance program, including administra-  
 18 tive expenses for local social services  
 19 districts, pursuant to title XIX of the  
 20 federal social security act or its succes-  
 21 sor program.

22 The moneys hereby appropriated are to be  
 23 available for payment of aid heretofore  
 24 accrued or hereafter accrued to munici-  
 25 palities, and to providers of medical  
 26 services pursuant to section 367-b of the  
 27 social services law, and for payment of  
 28 state aid to municipalities and to provid-  
 29 ers of family care where payment systems  
 30 through the fiscal intermediaries are not  
 31 operational.

32 Notwithstanding any inconsistent provision  
 33 of law, funding made available by these  
 34 appropriations shall support direct salary  
 35 costs and related fringe benefits within  
 36 the medical assistance program associated  
 37 with any minimum wage increase that takes  
 38 effect during the timeframe of these  
 39 appropriations, pursuant to section 652 of  
 40 the labor law. Each eligible organization  
 41 in receipt of funding made available by  
 42 these appropriations may be required to  
 43 submit written certification, in such form  
 44 and at such time the commissioner may  
 45 prescribe, attesting to the total amount  
 46 of funds used by the eligible organiza-  
 47 tion, how such funding will be or was used  
 48 for purposes eligible under these appro-  
 49 priations and any other reporting deemed  
 50 necessary by the commissioner. The amounts  
 51 appropriated herein may include advances  
 52 to organizations authorized to receive  
 53 such funds to accomplish this purpose.

1 Notwithstanding any other provision of law,  
2 the money hereby appropriated may be  
3 increased or decreased by interchange or  
4 transfer, with any appropriation of the  
5 department of health and the office of  
6 medicaid inspector general and may be  
7 increased or decreased by transfer or  
8 suballocation between these appropriated  
9 amounts and appropriations of the office  
10 of mental health, office for people with  
11 developmental disabilities, the office of  
12 addiction services and supports, the  
13 department of family assistance office of  
14 temporary and disability assistance,  
15 office of children and family services,  
16 the department of financial services,  
17 department of corrections and community  
18 supervision, the office of information  
19 technology services, the state university  
20 of New York, the state education depart-  
21 ment, and the state office for the aging  
22 with the approval of the director of the  
23 budget, who shall file such approval with  
24 the department of audit and control and  
25 copies thereof with the chairman of the  
26 senate finance committee and the chairman  
27 of the assembly ways and means committee.

28 Notwithstanding any inconsistent provision  
29 of law, in lieu of payments authorized by  
30 the social services law, or payments of  
31 federal funds otherwise due to the local  
32 social services districts for programs  
33 provided under the federal social security  
34 act or the federal food stamp act, funds  
35 herein appropriated, in amounts certified  
36 by the state commissioner of temporary and  
37 disability assistance or the state commis-  
38 sioner of health as due from local social  
39 services districts each month as their  
40 share of payments made pursuant to section  
41 367-b of the social services law may be  
42 set aside by the state comptroller in an  
43 interest-bearing account in order to  
44 ensure the orderly and prompt payment of  
45 providers under section 367-b of the  
46 social services law pursuant to an esti-  
47 mate provided by the commissioner of  
48 health of each local social services  
49 district's share of payments made pursuant  
50 to section 367-b of the social services  
51 law.

52 Notwithstanding any inconsistent provision  
53 of law to the contrary, funds shall be  
54 made available to the commissioner of the  
55 office of mental health or the commission-  
56 er of the office of addiction services and

1 supports, in consultation with the commis-  
 2 sioner of health and approved by the  
 3 director of the budget, and consistent  
 4 with appropriations made therefor, to  
 5 implement allocation adjustment developed  
 6 by each such commissioner which shall  
 7 describe mental health or substance use  
 8 disorder services that should be developed  
 9 to meet service needs resulting from the  
 10 reduction of inpatient behavioral health  
 11 services provided under the medicaid  
 12 program, by programs licensed pursuant to  
 13 article 31 or 32 of the mental hygiene  
 14 law. Such programs may include programs  
 15 that are licensed pursuant to both article  
 16 31 of the mental hygiene law and article  
 17 28 of the public health law, or certified  
 18 under both article 32 of the mental  
 19 hygiene law and article 28 of the public  
 20 health law.

21 Notwithstanding any inconsistent provision  
 22 of law, the moneys hereby appropriated may  
 23 be available for payments associated with  
 24 the resolution by settlement agreement or  
 25 judgment of rate appeals and/or litigation  
 26 where the department of health is a party.  
 27 Notwithstanding any inconsistent  
 28 provisions of law, no expenditures shall  
 29 be used for the medical assistance program  
 30 for any expenses not explicitly authorized  
 31 in law without the approval of the direc-  
 32 tor of the budget.

33 For services and expenses of the medical  
 34 assistance program including hospital  
 35 inpatient services.

36 Notwithstanding any provision of law to the  
 37 contrary, the portion of this appropri-  
 38 ation covering fiscal year 2025-26 shall  
 39 supersede and replace any duplicative (i)  
 40 reappropriation for this item covering  
 41 fiscal year 2025-26, and (ii) appropri-  
 42 ation for this item covering fiscal year  
 43 2025-26 set forth in chapter 53 of the  
 44 laws of 2024 (26947) ..... 57,814,000

45 For services and expenses of the medical  
 46 assistance program including hospital  
 47 outpatient and emergency room services.

48 Notwithstanding any provision of law to the  
 49 contrary, the portion of this appropri-  
 50 ation covering fiscal year 2025-26 shall  
 51 supersede and replace any duplicative (i)  
 52 reappropriation for this item covering  
 53 fiscal year 2025-26, and (ii) appropri-  
 54 ation for this item covering fiscal year  
 55 2025-26 set forth in chapter 53 of the  
 56 laws of 2024 (26948) ..... 10,372,000

1 For services and expenses of the medical  
2 assistance program including clinic  
3 services.  
4 Notwithstanding any provision of law to the  
5 contrary, the portion of this appropri-  
6 ation covering fiscal year 2025-26 shall  
7 supersede and replace any duplicative (i)  
8 reappropriation for this item covering  
9 fiscal year 2025-26, and (ii) appropri-  
10 ation for this item covering fiscal year  
11 2025-26 set forth in chapter 53 of the  
12 laws of 2024 (26949) ..... 16,967,000  
13 For services and expenses of the medical  
14 assistance program including nursing home  
15 services.  
16 Notwithstanding any provision of law to the  
17 contrary, the portion of this appropri-  
18 ation covering fiscal year 2025-26 shall  
19 supersede and replace any duplicative (i)  
20 reappropriation for this item covering  
21 fiscal year 2025-26, and (ii) appropri-  
22 ation for this item covering fiscal year  
23 2025-26 set forth in chapter 53 of the  
24 laws of 2024(26950) ..... 79,359,000  
25 For services and expenses of the medical  
26 assistance program including other long  
27 term care services.  
28 Notwithstanding any provision of law to the  
29 contrary, the portion of this appropri-  
30 ation covering fiscal year 2025-26 shall  
31 supersede and replace any duplicative (i)  
32 reappropriation for this item covering  
33 fiscal year 2025-26, and (ii) appropri-  
34 ation for this item covering fiscal year  
35 2025-26 set forth in chapter 53 of the  
36 laws of 2024 (26951) ..... 132,394,000  
37 For services and expenses of the medical  
38 assistance program including managed care  
39 services including regional planning  
40 activities of the finger lakes health  
41 systems agency, including statewide coor-  
42 dination and demonstration of best prac-  
43 tices. The department shall make grants  
44 within amounts appropriated therefor, to  
45 assure high-quality and accessible primary  
46 care, to provide technical assistance to  
47 support financial and business planning  
48 for integrated systems of care, and to  
49 assist primary care providers in the  
50 adoption, implementation, and meaningful  
51 use of electronic health record technolo-  
52 gy.  
53 Notwithstanding any provision of law to the  
54 contrary, the portion of this appropri-  
55 ation covering fiscal year 2025-26 shall  
56 supersede and replace any duplicative (i)

1 reappropriation for this item covering  
2 fiscal year 2025-26, and (ii) appropri-  
3 ation for this item covering fiscal year  
4 2025-26 set forth in chapter 53 of the  
5 laws of 2024 (26952) ..... 150,829,000  
6 For services and expenses of the medical  
7 assistance program including pharmacy  
8 services, provided, however, that no funds  
9 shall be made available pursuant to this  
10 appropriation for any drug not explicitly  
11 authorized in any heretofore enacted law,  
12 rule, or regulation without approval from  
13 the director of the budget.  
14 Notwithstanding any provision of law to the  
15 contrary, the portion of this appropri-  
16 ation covering fiscal year 2025-26 shall  
17 supersede and replace any duplicative (i)  
18 reappropriation for this item covering  
19 fiscal year 2025-26, and (ii) appropri-  
20 ation for this item covering fiscal year  
21 2025-26 set forth in chapter 53 of the  
22 laws of 2024 (26953) ..... 92,616,000  
23 For services and expenses of the medical  
24 assistance program including transporta-  
25 tion services.  
26 Notwithstanding any provision of law to the  
27 contrary, the portion of this appropri-  
28 ation covering fiscal year 2025-26 shall  
29 supersede and replace any duplicative (i)  
30 reappropriation for this item covering  
31 fiscal year 2025-26, and (ii) appropri-  
32 ation for this item covering fiscal year  
33 2025-26 set forth in chapter 53 of the  
34 laws of 2024 (26954) ..... 12,235,000  
35 For services and expenses of the medical  
36 assistance program including dental  
37 services.  
38 Notwithstanding any provision of law to the  
39 contrary, the portion of this appropri-  
40 ation covering fiscal year 2025-26 shall  
41 supersede and replace any duplicative (i)  
42 reappropriation for this item covering  
43 fiscal year 2025-26, and (ii) appropri-  
44 ation for this item covering fiscal year  
45 2025-26 set forth in chapter 53 of the  
46 laws of 2024 (26955) ..... 1,422,000  
47 For services and expenses of the medical  
48 assistance program including noninstitu-  
49 tional and other spending.  
50 The money hereby appropriated is available  
51 for payment of liabilities heretofore  
52 accrued or hereafter accrued.  
53 Notwithstanding any provision of law to the  
54 contrary, the portion of this appropri-  
55 ation covering fiscal year 2025-26 shall  
56 supersede and replace any duplicative (i)

1 reappropriation for this item covering  
 2 fiscal year 2025-26, and (ii) appropri-  
 3 ation for this item covering fiscal year  
 4 2025-26 set forth in chapter 53 of the  
 5 laws of 2024 (26956) ..... 137,631,000  
 6 For services and expenses of the medical  
 7 assistance program including medical  
 8 services provided at state facilities  
 9 operated by the office of mental health,  
 10 the office for people with developmental  
 11 disabilities and the office of addiction  
 12 services and supports.  
 13 Notwithstanding any provision of law to the  
 14 contrary, the portion of this appropri-  
 15 ation covering fiscal year 2025-26 shall  
 16 supersede and replace any duplicative (i)  
 17 reappropriation for this item covering  
 18 fiscal year 2025-26, and (ii) appropri-  
 19 ation for this item covering fiscal year  
 20 2025-26 set forth in chapter 53 of the  
 21 laws of 2024 (26961) ..... 83,400,000  
 22 -----

23 § 6. The amounts specified in this section, or so much thereof as  
 24 shall be sufficient to accomplish the purposes designated, is hereby  
 25 appropriated and authorized to be paid as hereinafter provided, to the  
 26 public officers and for the purposes specified, which amount shall be  
 27 available for the state fiscal year beginning April 1, 2025.

28 DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

29 AID TO LOCALITIES

30 UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE BENEFIT PROGRAM ..... 165,000,000  
 31 -----

32 Enterprise Funds  
 33 Unemployment Insurance Benefit Fund  
 34 Unemployment Insurance Benefit Account - 50650

35 For payment of unemployment insurance bene-  
 36 fits pursuant to article 18 of the labor  
 37 law or as authorized by the federal  
 38 government through the disaster unemploy-  
 39 ment assistance program, the emergency  
 40 unemployment compensation program, the  
 41 extended benefit program, the federal  
 42 additional compensation program or any  
 43 other federally funded unemployment bene-  
 44 fit program (34787) ..... 165,000,000  
 45 -----

46 § 7. The amounts specified in this section, or so much thereof as  
 47 shall be sufficient to accomplish the purposes designated, is hereby  
 48 appropriated and authorized to be paid as hereinafter provided, to the

1 public officers and for the purposes specified, which amount shall be  
2 available for the state fiscal year beginning April 1, 2025.

3 OFFICE OF MENTAL HEALTH

4 AID TO LOCALITIES

5 ADULT SERVICES PROGRAM ..... 94,917,000  
6 -----

7 General Fund  
8 Local Assistance Account - 10000

9 For services and expenses of various adult  
10 community mental health services, includ-  
11 ing transfer to the department of health  
12 to reimburse the department for the state  
13 and/or local share of medical assistance  
14 for various community mental health  
15 services.

16 For payment of state financial assistance,  
17 net of disallowances, for community mental  
18 health programs pursuant to article 41 and  
19 other provisions of the mental hygiene  
20 law. The moneys hereby appropriated for  
21 allocation to local governments and volun-  
22 tary agencies for services are available  
23 to reimburse or advance funds to local  
24 governments and voluntary agencies for  
25 expenditures made or to be made during  
26 local program years commencing January 1,  
27 2025 or July 1, 2025 and for advances for  
28 the period beginning January 1, 2026 for  
29 local governments and voluntary agencies  
30 with program years beginning January 1.  
31 Notwithstanding any provision of law to  
32 the contrary, the commissioner of the  
33 office of mental health shall be author-  
34 ized, subject to the approval of the  
35 director of the budget, to continue  
36 contracts and state aid letter payments to  
37 support county contracts which were  
38 executed on or before March 31, 2025 with  
39 entities providing services to persons  
40 with mental illness, without any addi-  
41 tional requirements that such contracts be  
42 subject to competitive bidding, a request  
43 for proposals process or other administra-  
44 tive procedures.

45 The state comptroller is hereby authorized  
46 to receive funds from the office of mental  
47 health that were returned from providers  
48 in the current fiscal year in respect of a  
49 settlement of local assistance funds from  
50 prior fiscal years, and is authorized to  
51 refund such moneys to the credit of the

1 local assistance account of the general  
2 fund for the purpose of reimbursing the  
3 2025-26 appropriation.

4 Notwithstanding any other provision of law  
5 to the contrary, and consistent with  
6 section 33.07 of the mental hygiene law,  
7 the directors of facilities licensed but  
8 not operated by the office of mental  
9 health who act as federally appointed  
10 representative payees and who assume  
11 management responsibility over the funds  
12 of a resident may continue to use such  
13 funds for the cost of the resident's care  
14 and treatment, consistent with federal law  
15 and regulations.

16 Notwithstanding any other provision of law,  
17 the commissioner of mental health shall,  
18 until July 1, 2026, be solely authorized,  
19 in his or her discretion, to designate  
20 those general hospitals, local govern-  
21 mental units and voluntary agencies which  
22 may apply and be considered for the  
23 approval and issuance of an operating  
24 certificate pursuant to article 31 of the  
25 mental hygiene law for the operation of a  
26 comprehensive psychiatric emergency  
27 program.

28 Notwithstanding any provision of section 21  
29 of chapter 723 of the laws of 1989, as  
30 amended, to the contrary, the provisions  
31 of sections 1, 2 and 4-20 of such chapter  
32 shall remain in full force and effect  
33 until July 1, 2026, when upon such date  
34 the amendments and additions made by such  
35 sections of chapter 723 of the laws of  
36 1989 shall expire and be deemed repealed,  
37 and any provision of law amended by any  
38 such sections shall revert to its text as  
39 it existed prior to the effective date of  
40 chapter 723 of the laws of 1989.

41 Notwithstanding any other provision of law  
42 to the contrary, any of the amounts appro-  
43 priated herein may be increased or  
44 decreased by interchange or transfer with-  
45 out limit, with any appropriation of the  
46 office of mental health or by transfer or  
47 suballocation to any department, agency or  
48 public authority for expenditures incurred  
49 in the operation of such programs with the  
50 approval of the director of the budget:

51 For services and expenses of various commu-  
52 nity mental health residential programs,  
53 including but not limited to community  
54 residences pursuant to sections 41.44 and  
55 41.38 of the mental hygiene law. Notwith-  
56 standing the provisions of section 31.03

1 of the mental hygiene law and any other  
 2 inconsistent provision of law, moneys  
 3 appropriated for family care shall be  
 4 available for, but not limited to, the  
 5 purchase of substitute caretakers up to a  
 6 maximum of 14 days and payments limited to  
 7 \$774 per year based upon financial need  
 8 for the personal needs of each client  
 9 residing in the family care home. Provided  
 10 further however, notwithstanding any  
 11 provision of law to the contrary, the  
 12 commissioner of the office of mental  
 13 health may appoint a temporary operator in  
 14 a manner consistent with part L of chapter  
 15 59 of the laws of 2016 to administer any  
 16 community mental health residential  
 17 program appropriated for herein for the  
 18 period for which this appropriation has  
 19 effect. Funds appropriated herein will be  
 20 made available to support the development  
 21 of new transitional stepdown units to help  
 22 individuals transitioning from various  
 23 levels of care to community-based living  
 24 (36911) ..... 94,917,000

25 § 8. The amounts specified in this section, or so much thereof as  
 26 shall be sufficient to accomplish the purposes designated, is hereby  
 27 appropriated and authorized to be paid as hereinafter provided, to the  
 28 public officers and for the purposes specified, which amount shall be  
 29 available for the state fiscal year beginning April 1, 2025.

30 DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' SERVICES

31 AID TO LOCALITIES

32 VETERANS' BENEFITS ADVISING PROGRAM ..... 42,000  
 33 -----

34 Special Revenue Funds - Other  
 35 Homeless Veterans Assistance Fund  
 36 Homeless Veterans Assistance Account - 20204

37 For services and expenses related to home-  
 38 less veterans' housing (54815) ..... 42,000

39 § 9. No expenditure may be made from any appropriation in this act,  
 40 until a certificate of approval has been issued by the director of the  
 41 budget and a copy of such certificate shall have been filed with the  
 42 state comptroller, the chairman of the senate finance committee and the  
 43 chairman of the assembly ways and means committee provided, however,  
 44 that any expenditures from any appropriation in this act made by the  
 45 legislature or judiciary shall not require such certificate.

46 § 10. All expenditures and disbursements made against the appropri-  
 47 ations in this act shall, upon final action by the legislature on appro-  
 48 priation bills submitted by the governor pursuant to article VII of the

1 state constitution for the support of government for the state fiscal  
2 year beginning April 1, 2025, be transferred by the comptroller as  
3 expenditures and disbursements to such appropriations for all state  
4 departments and agencies, as applicable, in amounts equal to the amounts  
5 charged against the appropriations in this act for each such department,  
6 agency, and the legislature and the judiciary.

7 § 11. Severability clause. If any clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivi-  
8 sion, section or part of this act shall be adjudged by any court of  
9 competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such judgment shall not affect,  
10 impair, or invalidate the remainder thereof, but shall be confined in  
11 its operation to the clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, section  
12 or part thereof directly involved in the controversy in which such judg-  
13 ment shall have been rendered. It is hereby declared to be the intent of  
14 the legislature that this act would have been enacted even if such  
15 invalid provisions had not been included herein.

16 § 12. This act shall take effect immediately and shall be deemed to  
17 have been in full force and effect on and after April 1, 2025; provided,  
18 however, that upon the transfer of expenditures and disbursements by the  
19 comptroller as provided in section ten of this act, the appropriations  
20 made by this act and subject to such section shall be deemed repealed.