

# STATE OF NEW YORK

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## IN ASSEMBLY

April 15, 2026

Introduced by M. of A. PRETLOW -- (at request of the Governor) -- read once and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

AN ACT making appropriations for the support of government; to amend chapter 98 of the laws of 2026, relating to making appropriations for the support of government, in relation thereto; to amend chapter 100 of the laws of 2026, relating to making appropriations for the support of government, in relation thereto; to amend chapter 102 of the laws of 2026, relating to making appropriations for the support of government, in relation thereto; 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, 2026 are enacted.

8 § 2. Section 2 of chapter 98 of the laws of 2026, relating to making  
9 appropriations for the support of government, as amended by chapter 102  
10 of the laws of 2026, is amended to read as follows:

11 § 2. The amounts specified in this section, or so much thereof as  
12 shall be sufficient to accomplish the purposes designated, is hereby  
13 appropriated and authorized to be paid as hereinafter provided, to the  
14 public officers and for the purpose specified, which amount shall be  
15 available for the state fiscal year beginning April 1, 2026.

16 ALL STATE DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES

17 For the purpose of making payments for  
18 personal service, including liabilities  
19 incurred prior to April 1, 2026, on the  
20 payrolls scheduled to be paid during the

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

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1 period April 1 through April [~~16~~ 20, 2026  
 2 to state officers and employees of the  
 3 executive branch, including the governor,  
 4 lieutenant governor, comptroller, and  
 5 attorney general, and to employees of the  
 6 legislature. This appropriation also  
 7 includes payments for services performed  
 8 by mentally ill or developmentally disa-  
 9 bled persons who are employed in state-op-  
 10 erated special employment, work-for-pay or  
 11 sheltered workshop programs . [~~835,756,000~~] 835,781,000  
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13 § 3. Section 3 of chapter 98 of the laws of 2026, relating to making  
 14 appropriations for the support of government, as amended by chapter 102  
 15 of the laws of 2026, is amended to read as follows:

16 § 3. The amount specified in this section, or so much thereof as shall  
 17 be sufficient to accomplish the purpose designated, is hereby appropri-  
 18 ated and authorized to be paid as hereinafter provided, to the public  
 19 officers and for the purpose specified, which amount shall be available  
 20 for the state fiscal year beginning April 1, 2026.

21 ALL STATE DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES

22 For the payment of state operations non  
 23 personal service liabilities to the execu-  
 24 tive branch, including the comptroller,  
 25 and the attorney general, and legislature,  
 26 incurred in the ordinary course of busi-  
 27 ness, during the period April 1 through  
 28 April [~~16~~ 20, 2026, pursuant to existing  
 29 state law and for purposes for which the  
 30 legislature authorized the expenditure of  
 31 moneys during the 2025-2026 state fiscal  
 32 year; provided, however, that nothing  
 33 contained herein shall be deemed to limit  
 34 or restrict the power or authority of  
 35 state departments or agencies to conduct  
 36 their activities or operations in accord-  
 37 ance with existing law, and further  
 38 provided that nothing contained herein  
 39 shall be deemed to supersede, nullify or  
 40 modify the provisions of section 40 of the  
 41 state finance law prescribing when appro-  
 42 priations made for the 2025-2026 state  
 43 fiscal year shall have ceased to have  
 44 force and effect ..... 32,000,000  
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46 § 4. Section 4 of chapter 102 of the laws of 2026, relating to making  
 47 appropriations for the support of government, is amended to read as  
 48 follows:

49 § 4. The amounts specified in this section, or so much thereof as  
 50 shall be sufficient to accomplish the purposes designated, is hereby  
 51 appropriated and authorized to be paid as hereinafter provided, to the

1 respective public officers and for the purposes specified, which amount  
2 shall be available for the state fiscal year beginning April 1, 2026.

3 MISCELLANEOUS - - ALL STATE DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES

4 The sum of ten million dollars  
5 (\$10,000,000), or so much thereof as shall  
6 be sufficient to accomplish the purpose  
7 designated, is hereby appropriated for  
8 contracts and grants approved for purposes  
9 for which the legislature authorized the  
10 expenditures of money during the 2025-2026  
11 fiscal year. An amount up to ten million  
12 dollars (\$10,000,000) shall be available  
13 for the payment of capital projects  
14 liabilities incurred during the period  
15 from April 1 through April ~~16~~ 20, 2026  
16 for contracts and grants approved prior to  
17 April 1, 2026, provided, however, that  
18 nothing contained herein shall be deemed  
19 to limit or restrict the power or authori-  
20 ty of state departments or agencies to  
21 conduct their activities or operations in  
22 accordance with existing law, and further  
23 provided that nothing contained herein  
24 shall be deemed to supersede, nullify, or  
25 modify the provisions of section 40 of the  
26 state finance law prescribing when appro-  
27 priations made for the 2025-2026 fiscal  
28 year shall have ceased to have force and  
29 effect ..... 10,000,000  
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31 § 5. Section 5 of chapter 102 of the laws of 2026, relating to making  
32 appropriations for the support of government, is amended to read as  
33 follows:

34 § 5. The amounts specified in this section, or so much thereof as  
35 shall be sufficient to accomplish the purposes designated, is hereby  
36 appropriated and authorized to be paid as hereinafter provided, to the  
37 respective public officers and for the purposes specified, which amount  
38 shall be available for the state fiscal year beginning April 1, 2026.

39 MISCELLANEOUS - - ALL STATE DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES

40 The sum of twenty million dollars  
41 (\$20,000,000), or so much thereof as shall  
42 be sufficient to accomplish the purpose  
43 designated, is hereby appropriated for  
44 contracts and grants approved for purposes  
45 for which the legislature authorized the  
46 expenditures of money during the 2025-2026  
47 fiscal year. An amount up to twenty  
48 million dollars (\$20,000,000) shall be  
49 available for the payment of capital  
50 projects liabilities incurred during the  
51 period from April 1 through April ~~16~~ 20,

1 2026 for contracts and grants approved  
 2 after April 1, 2026, provided, however,  
 3 that nothing contained herein shall be  
 4 deemed to limit or restrict the power or  
 5 authority of state departments or agencies  
 6 to conduct their activities or operations  
 7 in accordance with existing law, and  
 8 further provided that nothing contained  
 9 herein shall be deemed to supersede,  
 10 nullify, or modify the provisions of  
 11 section 40 of the state finance law  
 12 prescribing when appropriations made for  
 13 the 2025-2026 fiscal year shall have  
 14 ceased to have force and effect ..... 20,000,000  
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16 § 6. Section 4 of chapter 98 of the laws of 2026, relating to making  
 17 appropriations for the support of government, as amended by chapter 102  
 18 of the laws of 2026, is amended to read as follows:

19 § 4. The amounts specified in this section, or so much thereof as  
 20 shall be sufficient to accomplish the purposes designated, is hereby  
 21 appropriated and authorized to be paid as hereinafter provided, to the  
 22 public officers and for the purposes specified, which amount shall be  
 23 available for the state fiscal year beginning April 1, 2026.

24 MISCELLANEOUS -- ALL STATE DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES

25 GENERAL STATE CHARGES

26 STATE OPERATIONS

27 GENERAL STATE CHARGES ..... [~~620,043,500~~] 644,746,500  
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29 General Fund  
 30 State Purposes Account - 10050

31 For employee fringe benefits according to  
 32 the following project schedule including  
 33 those benefits which are related to  
 34 employees paid from funds, accounts, or  
 35 programs where the division of the budget  
 36 has issued waivers (85022) .. [~~620,043,500~~] 644,568,500

37 Project Schedule  
 38 PROJECT AMOUNT  
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40 For the state's contribution  
 41 to the health insurance fund  
 42 and deposit into the retiree  
 43 health benefit trust fund  
 44 pursuant to section 99-aa of  
 45 the state finance law. The  
 46 state's share of the health  
 47 insurance program dividends

1	shall be available to pay		
2	for the premiums in 2026-27 ..	514,422,000	
3	For the state's contribution		
4	to the social security		
5	contribution fund .....		
6	..... [ <del>55,000,000</del> ]		<u>78,500,000</u>
7	For the state's contribution		
8	to employee benefit fund		
9	programs .....	40,500,000	
10	For the state's contribution		
11	to the dental insurance plan ...	7,415,000	
12	For the payment of the metro-		
13	politan commuter transporta-		
14	tion mobility tax pursuant		
15	to article 23 of the tax		
16	law, as added by chapter 25		
17	of the laws of 2009, on		
18	behalf of the state employ-		
19	ees employed in the metro-		
20	politan commuter transporta-		
21	tion district ... [ <del>2,335,000</del> ]		<u>3,010,000</u>
22	For the state's share of		
23	contributions to the volun-		
24	tary defined contribution		
25	plan made on behalf of		
26	eligible employees pursuant		
27	to chapter 18 of the laws		
28	of 2012 who elect to partic-		
29	ipate in such plan and who		
30	are not otherwise eligi-		
31	ble to participate in the		
32	SUNY optional retirement		
33	program .....		<u>704,500</u>
34	For the state's contribution		
35	to the vision care plan .....	17,000	
36			
37	Project schedule total ...		
38	..... [ <del>620,043,500</del> ]		<u>644,568,500</u>
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40 For payment of claims for damage to personal  
41 or real property or for bodily injuries or  
42 wrongful death caused by officers, employ-  
43 ees, or other authorized persons providing  
44 service to state government while provid-  
45 ing such service, and the state university  
46 construction fund while acting within the  
47 scope of their employment, and while oper-  
48 ating motor vehicles, and for any individ-  
49 uals operating motor vehicles which are  
50 assigned on a permanent basis with unre-  
51 stricted use to state officers and employ-  
52 ees when the person is permanently  
53 assigned the motor vehicle (80559) ..... 178,000  
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1 § 7. Section 5 of chapter 100 of the laws of 2026, relating to making  
2 appropriations for the support of government, as amended by chapter 102  
3 of the laws of 2026, is amended to read as follows:

4 § 5. The amounts specified in this section, or so much thereof as  
5 shall be sufficient to accomplish the purposes designated, is hereby  
6 appropriated and authorized to be paid as hereinafter provided, to the  
7 public officers and for the purposes specified, which amount shall be  
8 available for the state fiscal year beginning April 1, 2026.

9 JUDICIARY

10 For the purpose of making payments for  
11 personal service, including liabilities  
12 incurred prior to April 1, 2026, on the  
13 payrolls scheduled to be paid during the  
14 period April 1 through April [~~16~~ 20, 2026  
15 to officers and employees of the judiciary .. 85,000,000

16 For the payment of state operations nonper-  
17 sonal service liabilities, the sum of  
18 thirteen million dollars (\$13,000,000), or  
19 so much thereof as shall be sufficient to  
20 accomplish the purpose designated, is  
21 hereby appropriated to the judiciary out  
22 of any moneys in the general fund or other  
23 funds to the credit of the state purposes  
24 account not otherwise appropriated. The  
25 comptroller is hereby authorized and  
26 directed to utilize this appropriation for  
27 the purpose of making payments for nonper-  
28 sonal service liabilities incurred by the  
29 judiciary from April 1 through April [~~16~~  
30 20, 2026 ..... 13,000,000

31 For the payment of aid to localities liabil-  
32 ities, the sum of eleven million dollars  
33 (\$11,000,000), or so much thereof as shall  
34 be sufficient to accomplish the purpose  
35 designated, is hereby appropriated to the  
36 judiciary out of any moneys in the general  
37 fund or other funds to the credit of the  
38 state purposes account not otherwise  
39 appropriated. The comptroller is hereby  
40 authorized and directed to utilize this  
41 appropriation for the purpose of making  
42 payments for aid to localities liabilities  
43 incurred by the judiciary from April 1  
44 through April [~~16~~ 20, 2026 ..... 11,000,000

45 For the payment of employee fringe benefit  
46 programs including, but not limited to,  
47 the judiciary's contributions to the  
48 health insurance fund, the employees'  
49 retirement system pension accumulation  
50 fund, the social security contribution  
51 fund, employee benefit fund programs, the  
52 dental insurance plan, the vision care  
53 plan, the unemployment insurance fund, and  
54 for workers' compensation benefits, the

1 sum of sixty-two million two hundred fifty  
 2 thousand dollars (\$62,250,000), or so much  
 3 thereof as shall be sufficient to accom-  
 4 plish the purpose designated, is hereby  
 5 appropriated to the judiciary out of any  
 6 moneys in the general fund or other funds  
 7 to the credit of the state purposes  
 8 account not otherwise appropriated. The  
 9 comptroller is hereby authorized and  
 10 directed to utilize this appropriation for  
 11 the purpose of making payments for employ-  
 12 ee fringe benefit liabilities incurred by  
 13 the judiciary from April 1 through April  
 14 [~~16~~] 20, 2026 ..... 62,250,000  
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16 § 8. Section 5 of chapter 98 of the laws of 2026, relating to making  
 17 appropriations for the support of government, as amended by chapter 102  
 18 of the laws of 2026, is amended to read as follows:  
 19 § 5. The amounts specified in this section, or so much thereof as  
 20 shall be sufficient to accomplish the purposes designated, is hereby  
 21 appropriated and authorized to be paid as hereinafter provided, to the  
 22 public officers and for the purposes specified, which amount shall be  
 23 available for the state fiscal year beginning April 1, 2026.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

AID TO LOCALITIES

26 CENTER FOR COMMUNITY HEALTH PROGRAM ..... [~~23,050,000~~] 27,330,000  
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28 General Fund  
 29 Local Assistance Account - 10000

30 For services and expenses related to the  
 31 Indian health program pursuant to a plan  
 32 prepared by the commissioner of health and  
 33 approved by the director of the budget.  
 34 The moneys hereby appropriated shall be  
 35 for payment of financial assistance here-  
 36 tofore accrued or hereafter to accrue  
 37 (26840) ..... 7,000,000  
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39 Special Revenue Funds - Federal  
 40 Federal USDA-Food and Nutrition Services Fund  
 41 Federal Food and Nutrition Services Account - 25022

42 For various federal food and nutritional  
 43 services. The moneys hereby appropriated  
 44 shall be available for payment of finan-  
 45 cial assistance heretofore accrued (26986)  
 46 ..... [~~16,050,000~~] 20,330,000

1	ELDERLY PHARMACEUTICAL INSURANCE COVERAGE PROGRAM .....	1,200,000
2		-----
3	Special Revenue Funds - Other	
4	HCRA Resources Fund	
5	EPIC Premium Account - 20818	
6	For services and expenses of the program for	
7	elderly pharmaceutical insurance coverage,	
8	including reimbursement to pharmacies	
9	participating in such program. The moneys	
10	hereby appropriated shall be available for	
11	payment of financial assistance heretofore	
12	accrued (26803) .....	1,200,000
13		-----
14	MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM .....	4,529,831,000
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16 General Fund  
 17 Local Assistance Account - 10000

18 For the medical assistance program, includ-  
 19 ing administrative expenses, for local  
 20 social services districts, and for medical  
 21 care rates for authorized child care agen-  
 22 cies.  
 23 Notwithstanding section 40 of the state  
 24 finance law or any provision of law to the  
 25 contrary, subject to federal approval,  
 26 department of health state funds medicaid  
 27 spending, excluding payments for medical  
 28 services provided at state facilities  
 29 operated by the office of mental health,  
 30 the office for people with developmental  
 31 disabilities and the office of addiction  
 32 services and supports and further exclud-  
 33 ing any payments which are not appropri-  
 34 ated within the department of health, in  
 35 the aggregate, for the period April 1,  
 36 2026 through March 31, 2027, shall not  
 37 exceed \$36,099,200,000 except as provided  
 38 below provided, however, such aggregate  
 39 limits may be adjusted by the director of  
 40 the budget to account for any changes in  
 41 the New York state federal medical assist-  
 42 ance percentage amount established pursu-  
 43 ant to the federal social security act,  
 44 increases in provider revenues, reductions  
 45 in local social services district payments  
 46 for medical assistance administration,  
 47 minimum wage increases, and beginning  
 48 April 1, 2012 the operational costs of the  
 49 New York state medical indemnity fund,  
 50 pursuant to chapter 59 of the laws of  
 51 2011, and state costs or savings from the

1 essential plan program. Such projections  
2 may be adjusted by the director of the  
3 budget to account for increased or expedited department of health state funds  
4 medicaid expenditures as a result of a  
5 natural or other type of disaster, including a governmental declaration of emergency.  
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9 The director of the budget, in consultation  
10 with the commissioner of health, shall  
11 assess on a quarterly basis known and  
12 projected medicaid expenditures by category of service and by geographic region, as  
13 defined by the commissioner, incurred both  
14 prior to and subsequent to such assessment  
15 for each such period, and if the director  
16 of the budget determines that such expenditures are expected to cause medicaid  
17 spending for such period to exceed the  
18 aggregate limit specified herein for such  
19 period, the state medicaid director, in  
20 consultation with the director of the  
21 budget and the commissioner of health,  
22 shall develop a medicaid savings allocation adjustment to limit such spending  
23 to the aggregate limit specified herein  
24 for such period.  
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28 Such medicaid savings allocation adjustment  
29 shall be designed, to reduce the expenditures authorized by the appropriations  
30 herein in compliance with the following  
31 guidelines: (1) reductions shall be made  
32 in compliance with applicable federal law,  
33 including the provisions of the Patient  
34 Protection and Affordable Care Act, Public  
35 Law No. 111-148, and the Health Care and  
36 Education Reconciliation Act of 2010,  
37 Public Law No. 111-152 (collectively  
38 "Affordable Care Act") and any subsequent  
39 amendments thereto or regulations promulgated thereunder; (2) reductions shall be  
40 made in a manner that complies with the  
41 state medicaid plan approved by the federal centers for medicare and medicaid  
42 services, provided, however, that the  
43 commissioner of health is authorized to  
44 submit any state plan amendment or seek  
45 other federal approval, including waiver  
46 authority, to implement the provisions of  
47 the medicaid savings allocation adjustment  
48 that meets the other criteria set forth  
49 herein; (3) reductions shall be made in a  
50 manner that maximizes federal financial  
51 participation, to the extent practicable,  
52 including any federal financial participation that is available or is reasonably  
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1 expected to become available, in the  
2 discretion of the commissioner, under the  
3 Affordable Care Act; (4) reductions shall  
4 be made uniformly among categories of  
5 services and geographic regions of the  
6 state, to the extent practicable, and  
7 shall be made uniformly within a category  
8 of service, to the extent practicable,  
9 except where the commissioner determines  
10 that there are sufficient grounds for  
11 non-uniformity, including but not limited  
12 to: the extent to which specific catego-  
13 ries of services contributed to department  
14 of health medicaid state funds spending in  
15 excess of the limits specified herein; the  
16 need to maintain safety net services in  
17 underserved communities; or the potential  
18 benefits of pursuing innovative payment  
19 models contemplated by the Affordable Care  
20 Act, in which case such grounds shall be  
21 set forth in the medicaid savings allo-  
22 cation adjustment; and (5) reductions  
23 shall be made in a manner that does not  
24 unnecessarily create administrative  
25 burdens to medicaid applicants and recipi-  
26 ents or providers.

27 The commissioner shall seek the input of the  
28 legislature, as well as organizations  
29 representing health care providers,  
30 consumers, businesses, workers, health  
31 insurers, and others with relevant exper-  
32 tise, in developing such medicaid savings  
33 allocation adjustment, to the extent that  
34 all or part of such adjustment, in the  
35 discretion of the commissioner, is likely  
36 to have a material impact on the overall  
37 medicaid program, particular categories of  
38 service or particular geographic regions  
39 of the state.

40 (a) The commissioner shall post the medicaid  
41 savings allocation adjustment on the  
42 department of health's website and shall  
43 provide written copies of such adjustment  
44 to the chairs of the senate finance and  
45 the assembly ways and means committees at  
46 least 30 days before the date on which  
47 implementation is expected to begin.

48 (b) The commissioner may revise the medicaid  
49 savings allocation adjustment subsequent  
50 to the provisions of notice and prior to  
51 implementation but needs to provide a new  
52 notice pursuant to subparagraph (i) of  
53 this paragraph only if the commissioner  
54 determines, in his or her discretion, that  
55 such revisions materially alter the  
56 adjustment.

1 Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraphs  
2 (a) and (b) of this subdivision, the  
3 commissioner need not seek the input  
4 described in paragraph (a) of this subdivi-  
5 sion or provide notice pursuant to para-  
6 graph (b) of this subdivision if, in the  
7 discretion of the commissioner, expedited  
8 development and implementation of a medi-  
9 caid savings allocation adjustment is  
10 necessary due to a public health emergen-  
11 cy.

12 For purposes of this section, a public  
13 health emergency is defined as: (i) a  
14 disaster, natural or otherwise, that  
15 significantly increases the immediate need  
16 for health care personnel in an area of  
17 the state; (ii) an event or condition that  
18 creates a widespread risk of exposure to a  
19 serious communicable disease, or the  
20 potential for such widespread risk of  
21 exposure; or (iii) any other event or  
22 condition determined by the commissioner  
23 to constitute an imminent threat to public  
24 health.

25 Nothing in this paragraph shall be deemed to  
26 prevent all or part of such medicaid  
27 savings allocation adjustment from taking  
28 effect retroactively to the extent permit-  
29 ted by the federal centers for medicare  
30 and medicaid services.

31 In accordance with the medicaid savings  
32 allocation adjustment, the commissioner of  
33 the department of health shall reduce  
34 department of health state funds medicaid  
35 spending by the amount of the projected  
36 overspending through, actions including,  
37 but not limited to modifying or suspending  
38 reimbursement methods, including but not  
39 limited to all fees, premium levels and  
40 rates of payment, notwithstanding any  
41 provision of law that sets a specific  
42 amount or methodology for any such  
43 payments or rates of payment; modifying or  
44 discontinuing medicaid program benefits;  
45 seeking all necessary federal approvals,  
46 including, but not limited to waivers,  
47 waiver amendments; and suspending time  
48 frames for notice, approval or certif-  
49 ication of rate requirements, notwith-  
50 standing any provision of law, rule or  
51 regulation to the contrary, including but  
52 not limited to sections 2807 and 3614 of  
53 the public health law, section 18 of chap-  
54 ter 2 of the laws of 1988, and 18 NYCRR  
55 505.14(h).

1 The department of health shall prepare a  
2 quarterly report that sets forth: (a)  
3 known and projected department of health  
4 medicaid expenditures as described in  
5 subdivision (1) of this section, and  
6 factors that could result in medicaid  
7 disbursements for the relevant state  
8 fiscal year to exceed the projected  
9 department of health state funds disburse-  
10 ments in the enacted budget financial plan  
11 pursuant to subdivision 3 of section 23 of  
12 the state finance law, including spending  
13 increases or decreases due to: enrollment  
14 fluctuations, rate changes, utilization  
15 changes, MRT investments, and shift of  
16 beneficiaries to managed care; and vari-  
17 ations in offline medicaid payments; and  
18 (b) the actions taken to implement any  
19 medicaid savings allocation adjustment  
20 implemented pursuant to subdivision (4) of  
21 this section, including information  
22 concerning the impact of such actions on  
23 each category of service and each  
24 geographic region of the state. Each such  
25 quarterly report shall be provided to the  
26 chairs of the senate finance and the  
27 assembly ways and means committees and  
28 shall be posted on the department of  
29 health's website in a timely manner.

30 The money hereby appropriated is to be  
31 available for payment of aid heretofore  
32 accrued or hereafter accrued to munici-  
33 palities, and to providers of medical  
34 services pursuant to section 367-b of the  
35 social services law, and for payment of  
36 state aid to municipalities and to provid-  
37 ers of family care where payment systems  
38 through the fiscal intermediaries are not  
39 operational.

40 Notwithstanding any inconsistent provision  
41 of law to the contrary, funds may be used  
42 by the department for outside legal  
43 assistance on issues involving the federal  
44 government, the conduct of preadmission  
45 screening and annual resident reviews  
46 required by the state's medicaid program,  
47 computer matching with insurance carriers  
48 to insure that medicaid is the payer of  
49 last resort and activities related to the  
50 management of the pharmacy benefit avail-  
51 able under the medicaid program.

52 Notwithstanding any inconsistent provision  
53 of law, in lieu of payments authorized by  
54 the social services law, or payments of  
55 federal funds otherwise due to the local  
56 social services districts for programs

1 provided under the federal social security  
2 act or the federal food stamp act, funds  
3 herein appropriated, in amounts certified  
4 by the state commissioner of temporary and  
5 disability assistance or the state commis-  
6 sioner of health as due from local social  
7 services districts each month as their  
8 share of payments made pursuant to section  
9 367-b of the social services law may be  
10 set aside by the state comptroller in an  
11 interest-bearing account in order to  
12 ensure the orderly and prompt payment of  
13 providers under section 367-b of the  
14 social services law pursuant to an esti-  
15 mate provided by the commissioner of  
16 health of each local social services  
17 district's share of payments made pursuant  
18 to section 367-b of the social services  
19 law.

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

42 Notwithstanding any other provision of law,  
43 the money hereby appropriated may be  
44 increased or decreased by interchange or  
45 transfer, with any appropriation of the  
46 department of health and the office of  
47 medicaid inspector general and may be  
48 increased or decreased by transfer or  
49 suballocation between these appropriated  
50 amounts and appropriations of the depart-  
51 ment of health state purpose account, the  
52 office of mental health, office for people  
53 with developmental disabilities, the  
54 office of addiction services and supports,  
55 the department of family assistance office  
56 of temporary and disability assistance,

1 the department of corrections and communi-  
2 ty supervision, the office of information  
3 technology services, the state university  
4 of New York, and office of children and  
5 family services, the office of medicaid  
6 inspector general, the state education  
7 department, and the state office for the  
8 aging with the approval of the director of  
9 the budget, who shall file such approval  
10 with the department of audit and control  
11 and copies thereof with the chairman of  
12 the senate finance committee and the  
13 chairman of the assembly ways and means  
14 committee.

15 Notwithstanding any inconsistent provision  
16 of law to the contrary, the moneys hereby  
17 appropriated may be used for payments to  
18 the centers for medicaid and medicare  
19 services for obligations incurred related  
20 to the pharmaceutical costs of dually  
21 eligible medicare/medicaid beneficiaries  
22 participating in the medicare drug benefit  
23 authorized by P.L. 108-173.

24 Notwithstanding any inconsistent provision  
25 of law, the moneys hereby appropriated  
26 shall not be used for any existing rates,  
27 fees, fee schedule, or procedures which  
28 may affect the cost of care and services  
29 provided by personal care providers, case  
30 managers, health maintenance organiza-  
31 tions, out of state medical facilities  
32 which provide care and services to resi-  
33 dents of the state, providers of transpor-  
34 tation services, that are altered,  
35 amended, adjusted or otherwise changed by  
36 a local social services district unless  
37 previously approved by the department of  
38 health and the director of the budget.

39 Notwithstanding any inconsistent provision  
40 of law to the contrary, funds shall be  
41 made available to the commissioner of the  
42 office of mental health or the commis-  
43 sioner of the office of addiction services and  
44 supports, in consultation with the commis-  
45 sioner of health and approved by the  
46 director of the budget, and consistent  
47 with appropriations made therefor, to  
48 implement allocation adjustment developed  
49 by each such commissioner which shall  
50 describe mental health or substance use  
51 disorder services that should be developed  
52 to meet service needs resulting from the  
53 reduction of inpatient behavioral health  
54 services provided under the medicaid  
55 program, by programs licensed pursuant to  
56 article 31 or 32 of the mental hygiene

1 law. Such programs may include programs  
2 that are licensed pursuant to both article  
3 31 of the mental hygiene law and article  
4 28 of the public health law, or certified  
5 under both article 32 of the mental  
6 hygiene law and article 28 of the public  
7 health law.

8 Notwithstanding any inconsistent provision  
9 of law, the moneys hereby appropriated may  
10 be available for payments associated with  
11 the resolution by settlement agreement or  
12 judgment of rate appeals and/or litigation  
13 where the department of health is a party.

14 For services and expenses of the medical  
15 assistance program including hospital  
16 inpatient services and general hospitals  
17 that are safety-net providers that evince  
18 severe financial distress, pursuant to  
19 criteria determined by the commissioner,  
20 shall be eligible for awards for amounts  
21 appropriated herein, to enable such  
22 providers to maintain operations and vital  
23 services while establishing long term  
24 solutions to achieve sustainable health  
25 services.

26 Notwithstanding any inconsistent provisions  
27 of law, no expenditures shall be used for  
28 the medical assistance program for any  
29 expenses not explicitly authorized in law  
30 without the approval of the director of  
31 the budget.

32 Notwithstanding any provision of law to the  
33 contrary, the portion of this appropri-  
34 ation covering fiscal year 2026-27 shall  
35 supersede and replace any duplicative (i)  
36 reappropriation for this item covering  
37 fiscal year 2026-27, and (ii) appropri-  
38 ation for this item covering fiscal year  
39 2026-27 set forth in chapter 53 of the  
40 laws of 2025 (26947) ..... 72,714,000

41 For services and expenses of the medical  
42 assistance program including hospital  
43 outpatient and emergency room services.

44 Notwithstanding any provision of law to the  
45 contrary, the portion of this appropri-  
46 ation covering fiscal year 2026-27 shall  
47 supersede and replace any duplicative (i)  
48 reappropriation for this item covering  
49 fiscal year 2026-27, and (ii) appropri-  
50 ation for this item covering fiscal year  
51 2026-27 set forth in chapter 53 of the  
52 laws of 2025 (26948) ..... 21,747,000

53 For services and expenses of the medical  
54 assistance program including clinic  
55 services.

1 Notwithstanding any provision of law to the  
2 contrary, the portion of this appropri-  
3 ation covering fiscal year 2026-27 shall  
4 supersede and replace any duplicative (i)  
5 reappropriation for this item covering  
6 fiscal year 2026-27, and (ii) appropri-  
7 ation for this item covering fiscal year  
8 2026-27 set forth in chapter 53 of the  
9 laws of 2025 (26949) ..... 42,594,000

10 For services and expenses of the medical  
11 assistance program including nursing home  
12 services.

13 Notwithstanding any provision of law to the  
14 contrary, the portion of this appropri-  
15 ation covering fiscal year 2026-27 shall  
16 supersede and replace any duplicative (i)  
17 reappropriation for this item covering  
18 fiscal year 2026-27, and (ii) appropri-  
19 ation for this item covering fiscal year  
20 2026-27 set forth in chapter 53 of the  
21 laws of 2025 (26950) ..... 107,055,000

22 For services and expenses of the medical  
23 assistance program including other long  
24 term care services.

25 Notwithstanding any provision of law to the  
26 contrary, the portion of this appropri-  
27 ation covering fiscal year 2026-27 shall  
28 supersede and replace any duplicative (i)  
29 reappropriation for this item covering  
30 fiscal year 2026-27, and (ii) appropri-  
31 ation for this item covering fiscal year  
32 2026-27 set forth in chapter 53 of the  
33 laws of 2025 (26951) ..... 509,958,000

34 For services and expenses of the medical  
35 assistance program including managed care  
36 services including regional planning  
37 activities of the finger lakes health  
38 systems agency, including statewide coor-  
39 dination and demonstration of best prac-  
40 tices. The department shall make grants  
41 within amounts appropriated therefor, to  
42 assure high-quality and accessible primary  
43 care, to provide technical assistance to  
44 support financial and business planning  
45 for integrated systems of care, and to  
46 assist primary care providers in the  
47 adoption, implementation, and meaningful  
48 use of electronic health record technolo-  
49 gy.

50 Notwithstanding any provision of law to the  
51 contrary, the portion of this appropri-  
52 ation covering fiscal year 2026-27 shall  
53 supersede and replace any duplicative (i)  
54 reappropriation for this item covering  
55 fiscal year 2026-27, and (ii) appropri-  
56 ation for this item covering fiscal year

1 2026-27 set forth in chapter 53 of the  
2 laws of 2025 (26952) ..... 467,130,000  
3 For services and expenses for health homes  
4 including grants to health homes.  
5 Notwithstanding any provision of law to the  
6 contrary, the portion of this appropri-  
7 ation covering fiscal year 2026-27 shall  
8 supersede and replace any duplicative (i)  
9 reappropriation for this item covering  
10 fiscal year 2026-27, and (ii) appropri-  
11 ation for this item covering fiscal year  
12 2026-27 set forth in chapter 53 of the  
13 laws of 2025 (29548) ..... 11,310,000  
14 For services and expenses of the medical  
15 assistance program including pharmacy  
16 services provided, however, that no funds  
17 shall be made available pursuant to this  
18 appropriation for any drug not explicitly  
19 authorized in any enacted law, rule, or  
20 regulation without approval from the  
21 director of the budget.  
22 Notwithstanding any provision of law to the  
23 contrary, the portion of this appropri-  
24 ation covering fiscal year 2026-27 shall  
25 supersede and replace any duplicative (i)  
26 reappropriation for this item covering  
27 fiscal year 2026-27, and (ii) appropri-  
28 ation for this item covering fiscal year  
29 2026-27 set forth in chapter 53 of the  
30 laws of 2025 (26953) ..... 215,778,000  
31 For services and expenses of the medical  
32 assistance program including transporta-  
33 tion services.  
34 Notwithstanding any provision of law to the  
35 contrary, the portion of this appropri-  
36 ation covering fiscal year 2026-27 shall  
37 supersede and replace any duplicative (i)  
38 reappropriation for this item covering  
39 fiscal year 2026-27, and (ii) appropri-  
40 ation for this item covering fiscal year  
41 2026-27 set forth in chapter 53 of the  
42 laws of 2025 (26954) ..... 30,996,000  
43 For services and expenses of the medical  
44 assistance program including dental  
45 services.  
46 Notwithstanding any provision of law to the  
47 contrary, the portion of this appropri-  
48 ation covering fiscal year 2026-27 shall  
49 supersede and replace any duplicative (i)  
50 reappropriation for this item covering  
51 fiscal year 2026-27, and (ii) appropri-  
52 ation for this item covering fiscal year  
53 2026-27 set forth in chapter 53 of the  
54 laws of 2025 (26955) ..... 237,000

1 For services and expenses of the medical  
 2 assistance program including non-institu-  
 3 tional and other spending.  
 4 The money hereby appropriated is available  
 5 for payment of liabilities heretofore  
 6 accrued or hereafter accrued.  
 7 Notwithstanding any inconsistent provision  
 8 of law, the money hereby appropriated may  
 9 be available for payments to any county or  
 10 public school districts associated with  
 11 additional claims for school supportive  
 12 health services.  
 13 Notwithstanding any provision of law to the  
 14 contrary, the portion of this appropri-  
 15 ation covering fiscal year 2026-27 shall  
 16 supersede and replace any duplicative (i)  
 17 reappropriation for this item covering  
 18 fiscal year 2026-27, and (ii) appropri-  
 19 ation for this item covering fiscal year  
 20 2026-27 set forth in chapter 53 of the  
 21 laws of 2025 (26956) ..... 61,812,000

22 For services and expenses of the medical  
 23 assistance program including medical  
 24 services provided at state facilities  
 25 operated by the office of mental health,  
 26 the office for people with developmental  
 27 disabilities and the office of addiction  
 28 services and supports.  
 29 Notwithstanding any provision of law to the  
 30 contrary, the portion of this appropri-  
 31 ation covering fiscal year 2026-27 shall  
 32 supersede and replace any duplicative (i)  
 33 reappropriation for this item covering  
 34 fiscal year 2026-27, and (ii) appropri-  
 35 ation for this item covering fiscal year  
 36 2026-27 set forth in chapter 53 of the  
 37 laws of 2025 (26961) ..... 288,462,000  
 38 -----

39 Special Revenue Funds - Federal  
 40 Federal Health and Human Services Fund  
 41 Medicaid Direct Account - 25106

42 For services and expenses for the medical  
 43 assistance program, including administra-  
 44 tive expenses for local social services  
 45 districts, pursuant to title XIX of the  
 46 federal social security act or its succes-  
 47 sor program.  
 48 The moneys hereby appropriated are to be  
 49 available for payment of aid heretofore  
 50 accrued or hereafter accrued to munici-  
 51 palities, and to providers of medical  
 52 services pursuant to section 367-b of the  
 53 social services law, and for payment of  
 54 state aid to municipalities and to provid-

1 ers of family care where payment systems  
2 through the fiscal intermediaries are not  
3 operational.  
4 Notwithstanding any inconsistent provision  
5 of law, funding made available by these  
6 appropriations shall support direct salary  
7 costs and related fringe benefits within  
8 the medical assistance program associated  
9 with any minimum wage increase that takes  
10 effect during the timeframe of these  
11 appropriations, pursuant to section 652 of  
12 the labor law. Each eligible organization  
13 in receipt of funding made available by  
14 these appropriations may be required to  
15 submit written certification, in such form  
16 and at such time the commissioner may  
17 prescribe, attesting to the total amount  
18 of funds used by the eligible organiza-  
19 tion, how such funding will be or was used  
20 for purposes eligible under these appro-  
21 priations and any other reporting deemed  
22 necessary by the commissioner. The amounts  
23 appropriated herein may include advances  
24 to organizations authorized to receive  
25 such funds to accomplish this purpose.  
26 Notwithstanding any other provision of law,  
27 the money hereby appropriated may be  
28 increased or decreased by interchange or  
29 transfer, with any appropriation of the  
30 department of health and the office of  
31 medicaid inspector general and may be  
32 increased or decreased by transfer or  
33 suballocation between these appropriated  
34 amounts and appropriations of the office  
35 of mental health, office for people with  
36 developmental disabilities, the office of  
37 addiction services and supports, the  
38 department of family assistance office of  
39 temporary and disability assistance,  
40 office of children and family services,  
41 the department of financial services,  
42 department of corrections and community  
43 supervision, the office of information  
44 technology services, the state university  
45 of New York, the state education depart-  
46 ment, and the state office for the aging  
47 with the approval of the director of the  
48 budget, who shall file such approval with  
49 the department of audit and control and  
50 copies thereof with the chairman of the  
51 senate finance committee and the chairman  
52 of the assembly ways and means committee.  
53 Notwithstanding any inconsistent provision  
54 of law, in lieu of payments authorized by  
55 the social services law, or payments of  
56 federal funds otherwise due to the local

1 social services districts for programs  
2 provided under the federal social security  
3 act or the federal food stamp act, funds  
4 herein appropriated, in amounts certified  
5 by the state commissioner of temporary and  
6 disability assistance or the state commis-  
7 sioner of health as due from local social  
8 services districts each month as their  
9 share of payments made pursuant to section  
10 367-b of the social services law may be  
11 set aside by the state comptroller in an  
12 interest-bearing account in order to  
13 ensure the orderly and prompt payment of  
14 providers under section 367-b of the  
15 social services law pursuant to an esti-  
16 mate provided by the commissioner of  
17 health of each local social services  
18 district's share of payments made pursuant  
19 to section 367-b of the social services  
20 law.

21 Notwithstanding any inconsistent provision  
22 of law to the contrary, funds shall be  
23 made available to the commissioner of the  
24 office of mental health or the commis-  
25 sioner of the office of addiction services and  
26 supports, in consultation with the commis-  
27 sioner of health and approved by the  
28 director of the budget, and consistent  
29 with appropriations made therefor, to  
30 implement allocation adjustment developed  
31 by each such commissioner which shall  
32 describe mental health or substance use  
33 disorder services that should be developed  
34 to meet service needs resulting from the  
35 reduction of inpatient behavioral health  
36 services provided under the medicaid  
37 program, by programs licensed pursuant to  
38 article 31 or 32 of the mental hygiene  
39 law. Such programs may include programs  
40 that are licensed pursuant to both article  
41 31 of the mental hygiene law and article  
42 28 of the public health law, or certified  
43 under both article 32 of the mental  
44 hygiene law and article 28 of the public  
45 health law.

46 Notwithstanding any inconsistent provision  
47 of law, the moneys hereby appropriated may  
48 be available for payments associated with  
49 the resolution by settlement agreement or  
50 judgment of rate appeals and/or litigation  
51 where the department of health is a party.

52 Notwithstanding any inconsistent provisions  
53 of law, no expenditures shall be used for  
54 the medical assistance program for any  
55 expenses not explicitly authorized in law

1 without the approval of the director of  
2 the budget.  
3 For services and expenses of the medical  
4 assistance program including hospital  
5 inpatient services.  
6 Notwithstanding any provision of law to the  
7 contrary, the portion of this appropri-  
8 ation covering fiscal year 2026-27 shall  
9 supersede and replace any duplicative (i)  
10 reappropriation for this item covering  
11 fiscal year 2026-27, and (ii) appropri-  
12 ation for this item covering fiscal year  
13 2026-27 set forth in chapter 53 of the  
14 laws of 2025 (26947) ..... 151,770,000  
15 For services and expenses of the medical  
16 assistance program including hospital  
17 outpatient and emergency room services.  
18 Notwithstanding any provision of law to the  
19 contrary, the portion of this appropri-  
20 ation covering fiscal year 2026-27 shall  
21 supersede and replace any duplicative (i)  
22 reappropriation for this item covering  
23 fiscal year 2026-27, and (ii) appropri-  
24 ation for this item covering fiscal year  
25 2026-27 set forth in chapter 53 of the  
26 laws of 2025 (26948) ..... 27,048,000  
27 For services and expenses of the medical  
28 assistance program including clinic  
29 services.  
30 Notwithstanding any provision of law to the  
31 contrary, the portion of this appropri-  
32 ation covering fiscal year 2026-27 shall  
33 supersede and replace any duplicative (i)  
34 reappropriation for this item covering  
35 fiscal year 2026-27, and (ii) appropri-  
36 ation for this item covering fiscal year  
37 2026-27 set forth in chapter 53 of the  
38 laws of 2025 (26949) ..... 43,794,000  
39 For services and expenses of the medical  
40 assistance program including nursing home  
41 services.  
42 Notwithstanding any provision of law to the  
43 contrary, the portion of this appropri-  
44 ation covering fiscal year 2026-27 shall  
45 supersede and replace any duplicative (i)  
46 reappropriation for this item covering  
47 fiscal year 2026-27, and (ii) appropri-  
48 ation for this item covering fiscal year  
49 2026-27 set forth in chapter 53 of the  
50 laws of 2025 (26950) ..... 225,480,000  
51 For services and expenses of the medical  
52 assistance program including other long  
53 term care services.  
54 Notwithstanding any provision of law to the  
55 contrary, the portion of this appropri-  
56 ation covering fiscal year 2026-27 shall

1 supersede and replace any duplicative (i)  
 2 reappropriation for this item covering  
 3 fiscal year 2026-27, and (ii) appropri-  
 4 ation for this item covering fiscal year  
 5 2026-27 set forth in chapter 53 of the  
 6 laws of 2025 (26951) ..... 643,218,000

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

23 Notwithstanding any inconsistent provision  
 24 of law, rule, or regulation to the contra-  
 25 ry, funds appropriated herein shall not be  
 26 subject to article 6 of the financial  
 27 services law.

28 Notwithstanding any inconsistent provision  
 29 of law, rule, or regulation to the contra-  
 30 ry, funds appropriated herein shall only  
 31 be made available for applied behavior  
 32 analysis services if such services are  
 33 recommended by a health care or mental  
 34 health care practitioner authorized under  
 35 title eight of the education law who has  
 36 been designated as an applied behavior  
 37 analysis center of excellence provider by  
 38 the commissioner of health.

39 Notwithstanding any provision of law to the  
 40 contrary, the portion of this appropri-  
 41 ation covering fiscal year 2026-27 shall  
 42 supersede and replace any duplicative (i)  
 43 reappropriation for this item covering  
 44 fiscal year 2026-27, and (ii) appropri-  
 45 ation for this item covering fiscal year  
 46 2026-27 set forth in chapter 53 of the  
 47 laws of 2025 (26952) ..... 784,936,000

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

1 Notwithstanding any provision of law to the  
2 contrary, the portion of this appropri-  
3 ation covering fiscal year 2026-27 shall  
4 supersede and replace any duplicative (i)  
5 reappropriation for this item covering  
6 fiscal year 2026-27, and (ii) appropri-  
7 ation for this item covering fiscal year  
8 2026-27 set forth in chapter 53 of the  
9 laws of 2025 (26953) ..... 236,438,000

10 For services and expenses of the medical  
11 assistance program including transporta-  
12 tion services.

13 Notwithstanding any provision of law to the  
14 contrary, the portion of this appropri-  
15 ation covering fiscal year 2026-27 shall  
16 supersede and replace any duplicative (i)  
17 reappropriation for this item covering  
18 fiscal year 2026-27, and (ii) appropri-  
19 ation for this item covering fiscal year  
20 2026-27 set forth in chapter 53 of the  
21 laws of 2025 (26954) ..... 31,764,000

22 For services and expenses of the medical  
23 assistance program including dental  
24 services.

25 Notwithstanding any provision of law to the  
26 contrary, the portion of this appropri-  
27 ation covering fiscal year 2026-27 shall  
28 supersede and replace any duplicative (i)  
29 reappropriation for this item covering  
30 fiscal year 2026-27, and (ii) appropri-  
31 ation for this item covering fiscal year  
32 2026-27 set forth in chapter 53 of the  
33 laws of 2025 (26955) ..... 3,672,000

34 For services and expenses of the medical  
35 assistance program including noninstitu-  
36 tional and other spending.

37 The money hereby appropriated is available  
38 for payment of liabilities heretofore  
39 accrued or hereafter accrued.

40 Notwithstanding any provision of law to the  
41 contrary, the portion of this appropri-  
42 ation covering fiscal year 2026-27 shall  
43 supersede and replace any duplicative (i)  
44 reappropriation for this item covering  
45 fiscal year 2026-27, and (ii) appropri-  
46 ation for this item covering fiscal year  
47 2026-27 set forth in chapter 53 of the  
48 laws of 2025 (26956) ..... 359,610,000

49 Notwithstanding any inconsistent provision  
50 of law, subject to the approval of the  
51 director of the budget, upon submission of  
52 an allocation adjustment from the commis-  
53 sioner of health, the amount appropriated  
54 herein, together with any available feder-  
55 al matching funds, may be transferred or  
56 suballocated to the office of mental

1 health, office of addiction services and  
 2 supports, office for people with develop-  
 3 mental disabilities, division of housing  
 4 and community renewal, New York state  
 5 housing trust fund corporation, and office  
 6 of temporary and disability assistance for  
 7 services and expenses related to providing  
 8 affordable housing. Any such spending  
 9 shall consider the geographical location  
 10 of the grants.  
 11 Notwithstanding any provision of law to the  
 12 contrary, the portion of this appropri-  
 13 ation covering fiscal year 2026-27 shall  
 14 supersede and replace any duplicative (i)  
 15 reappropriation for this item covering  
 16 fiscal year 2026-27, and (ii) appropri-  
 17 ation for this item covering fiscal year  
 18 2026-27 set forth in chapter 53 of the  
 19 laws of 2025 (29521) ..... 192,308,000  
 20 -----

21 § 9. The amounts specified in this section, or so much thereof as  
 22 shall be sufficient to accomplish the purposes designated, is hereby  
 23 appropriated and authorized to be paid as hereinafter provided, to the  
 24 public officers and for the purposes specified, which amount shall be  
 25 available for the state fiscal year beginning April 1, 2026.

26 JUSTICE CENTER FOR THE PROTECTION  
 27 OF PEOPLE WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

28 AID TO LOCALITIES

29 COMMUNITY SUPPORT PROGRAMS ..... 195,000  
 30 -----  
 31 General Fund  
 32 Local Assistance Account - 10000

33 Notwithstanding any other provision of law,  
 34 the money hereby appropriated may be  
 35 increased or decreased by interchange,  
 36 with any appropriation of the justice  
 37 center for the protection of people with  
 38 special needs, and may be increased or  
 39 decreased by transfer or suballocation  
 40 between these appropriated amounts and  
 41 appropriations of the office of mental  
 42 health, office for people with develop-  
 43 mental disabilities, office of addiction  
 44 services and supports, department of  
 45 health, and the office of children and  
 46 family services with the approval of the  
 47 director of the budget who shall file such  
 48 approval with the department of audit and  
 49 control and copies thereof with the chair-  
 50 man of the senate finance committee and

1 the chairman of the assembly ways and  
 2 means committee.  
 3 For surrogate decision-making committee  
 4 program contracts with local service  
 5 providers (63002) ..... 195,000  
 6 -----

7 § 10. Section 6 of chapter 98 of the laws of 2026, relating to making  
 8 appropriations for the support of government, as amended by chapter 102  
 9 of the laws of 2026, is amended to read as follows:

10 § 6. The amounts specified in this section, or so much thereof as  
 11 shall be sufficient to accomplish the purposes designated, is hereby  
 12 appropriated and authorized to be paid as hereinafter provided, to the  
 13 public officers and for the purposes specified, which amount shall be  
 14 available for the state fiscal year beginning April 1, 2026.

15 DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

16 AID TO LOCALITIES

17 UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE BENEFIT PROGRAM ..... [~~540,000,000~~] 570,000,000  
 18 -----

- 19 Enterprise Funds
- 20 Unemployment Insurance Benefit Fund
- 21 Unemployment Insurance Benefit Account - 50650

22 For payment of unemployment insurance bene-  
 23 fits pursuant to article 18 of the labor  
 24 law or as authorized by the federal  
 25 government through the disaster unemploy-  
 26 ment assistance program, the emergency  
 27 unemployment compensation program, the  
 28 extended benefit program, the federal  
 29 additional compensation program or any  
 30 other federally funded unemployment bene-  
 31 fit program (34787) ..... [~~540,000,000~~] 570,000,000  
 32 -----

33 § 11. Section 8 of chapter 100 of the laws of 2026, relating to making  
 34 appropriations for the support of government, is amended to read as  
 35 follows:

36 § 8. The amounts specified in this section, or so much thereof as  
 37 shall be sufficient to accomplish the purposes designated, is hereby  
 38 appropriated and authorized to be paid as hereinafter provided, to the  
 39 public officers and for the purposes specified, which amount shall be  
 40 available for the state fiscal year beginning April 1, 2026.

41 DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

42 AID TO LOCALITIES

43 DEDICATED MASS TRANSPORTATION TRUST FUND PROGRAM ..... 48,325,000  
 44 -----

45 Special Revenue Funds - Other

1 Dedicated Mass Transportation Trust Fund  
2 Railroad Account - 20852

3 To the metropolitan transportation authority  
4 for deposit in the metropolitan transpor-  
5 tation authority dedicated tax fund for  
6 the expenses of the New York city transit  
7 authority, the Manhattan and Bronx surface  
8 transit operating authority, and the  
9 Staten Island rapid transit operating  
10 authority, the Long Island rail road  
11 company and the Metro-North commuter rail-  
12 road company which includes the New York  
13 state portion of the Harlem, Hudson, Port  
14 Jervis, Pascack, and the New Haven commu-  
15 ter railroad service regardless of whether  
16 the services are provided directly or  
17 pursuant to joint service agreements. No  
18 expenditure shall be made hereunder until  
19 a certificate of approval has been issued  
20 by the director of the budget and a copy  
21 of such certificate filed with the state  
22 comptroller, the chairperson of the senate  
23 finance committee and the chairperson of  
24 the assembly ways and means committee.  
25 Moneys appropriated herein may be made  
26 available at such times and upon such  
27 conditions as may be deemed appropriate by  
28 the commissioner of transportation and the  
29 director of the budget in accordance with  
30 the following:  
31 To the metropolitan transportation authority  
32 for the operating expenses of the Long  
33 Island rail road company and the Metro-  
34 North commuter railroad company which  
35 include operating expenses for the New  
36 York state portion of Harlem, Hudson, Port  
37 Jervis, Pascack, and New Haven commuter  
38 railroad services regardless of whether  
39 such services are provided directly or  
40 pursuant to joint service agreements  
41 (54282) ..... 7,260,000  
42 -----

43 Special Revenue Funds - Other  
44 Dedicated Mass Transportation Trust Fund  
45 Transit Authorities Account - 20851

46 To the metropolitan transportation authority  
47 for deposit in the metropolitan transpor-  
48 tation authority dedicated tax fund for  
49 the expenses of the New York city transit  
50 authority, the Manhattan and Bronx surface  
51 transit operating authority, and the  
52 Staten Island rapid transit operating  
53 authority, the Long Island rail road

1 company and the Metro-North commuter rail-  
 2 road company which includes the New York  
 3 state portion of the Harlem, Hudson, Port  
 4 Jervis, Pascack, and the New Haven commu-  
 5 ter railroad service regardless of whether  
 6 the services are provided directly or  
 7 pursuant to joint service agreements. No  
 8 expenditure shall be made hereunder until  
 9 a certificate of approval has been issued  
 10 by the director of the budget and a copy  
 11 of such certificate filed with the state  
 12 comptroller, the chairperson of the senate  
 13 finance committee and the chairperson of  
 14 the assembly ways and means committee.  
 15 Moneys appropriated herein may be made  
 16 available at such times and upon such  
 17 conditions as may be deemed appropriate by  
 18 the commissioner of transportation and the  
 19 director of the budget in accordance with  
 20 the following:  
 21 To the metropolitan transportation authority  
 22 for the operating expenses of the New York  
 23 city transit authority, the Manhattan and  
 24 Bronx surface transit operating authority,  
 25 and the Staten Island rapid transit oper-  
 26 ating authority (53173) ..... 41,065,000  
 27 -----

28 METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY SUPPORT PROGRAM ..... 13,138,000  
 29 -----

30 Special Revenue Funds - Other  
 31 Metropolitan Transportation Authority Financial Assist-  
 32 ance Fund  
 33 New York Central Business District Trust Fund - 23653

34 To the metropolitan transportation authority  
 35 pursuant to section 99-ff of the state  
 36 finance law for deposit in the central  
 37 business district tolling capital lockbox  
 38 established pursuant to section 553-j of  
 39 the public authorities law (54298) ..... 13,138,000  
 40 -----

41 § 12. Section 7 of chapter 98 of the laws of 2026, relating to making  
 42 appropriations for the support of government, as amended by chapter 102  
 43 of the laws of 2026, is amended to read as follows:

44 § 7. The amounts specified in this section, or so much thereof as  
 45 shall be sufficient to accomplish the purposes designated, is hereby  
 46 appropriated and authorized to be paid as hereinafter provided, to the  
 47 public officers and for the purposes specified, which amount shall be  
 48 available for the state fiscal year beginning April 1, 2026.

49 DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HYGIENE  
 50 OFFICE FOR PEOPLE WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

1 AID TO LOCALITIES

2	COMMUNITY SERVICES PROGRAM .....	[ <del>305,253,000</del> ]	<u>311,985,000</u>
3		-----	

4 General Fund  
5 Local Assistance Account - 10000

6 For services and expenses of the community  
7 services program, net of disallowances,  
8 for community programs for people with  
9 developmental disabilities pursuant to  
10 article 41 of the mental hygiene law,  
11 and/or chapter 620 of the laws of 1974,  
12 chapter 660 of the laws of 1977, chapter  
13 412 of the laws of 1981, chapter 27 of the  
14 laws of 1987, chapter 729 of the laws of  
15 1989, chapter 329 of the laws of 1993 and  
16 other provisions of the mental hygiene  
17 law. Notwithstanding any inconsistent  
18 provision of law, the following appropri-  
19 ation shall be net of prior and/or current  
20 year refunds, rebates, reimbursements, and  
21 credits.

22 Notwithstanding any other provision of law,  
23 advances and reimbursement made pursuant  
24 to subdivision (d) of section 41.15 and  
25 section 41.18 of the mental hygiene law  
26 shall be allocated pursuant to a plan and  
27 in a manner prescribed by the agency head  
28 and approved by the director of the budg-  
29 et. The moneys hereby appropriated are  
30 available to reimburse or advance locali-  
31 ties and voluntary non-profit agencies for  
32 expenditures made during local fiscal  
33 periods commencing January 1, 2026, April  
34 1, 2026 or July 1, 2026, and for advances  
35 for the 3 month period beginning January  
36 1, 2027.

37 Notwithstanding the provisions of article 41  
38 of the mental hygiene law or any other  
39 inconsistent provision of law, rule or  
40 regulation, the commissioner, pursuant to  
41 such contract and in the manner provided  
42 therein, may pay all or a portion of the  
43 expenses incurred by such voluntary agen-  
44 cies arising out of loans which are funded  
45 from the proceeds of bonds and notes  
46 issued by the dormitory authority of the  
47 state of New York.

48 Notwithstanding any other provision of law,  
49 the money hereby appropriated may be  
50 transferred to state operations and/or any  
51 appropriation of the office for people  
52 with developmental disabilities with the  
53 approval of the director of the budget.

1 Notwithstanding any inconsistent provision  
2 of law, moneys from this appropriation may  
3 be used for state aid of up to 100 percent  
4 of the net deficit costs of day training  
5 programs and family support services.

6 Notwithstanding the provisions of section  
7 16.23 of the mental hygiene law and any  
8 other inconsistent provision of law, with  
9 relation to the operation of certified  
10 family care homes, including family care  
11 homes sponsored by voluntary not-for-pro-  
12 fit agencies, moneys from this appropri-  
13 ation may be used for payments to purchase  
14 general services including but not limited  
15 to respite providers, up to a maximum of  
16 14 days, at rates to be established by the  
17 commissioner and approved by the director  
18 of the budget in consideration of factors  
19 including, but not limited to, geographic  
20 area and number of clients cared for in  
21 the home and for payment in an amount  
22 determined by the commissioner for the  
23 personal needs of each client residing in  
24 the family care home.

25 Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivi-  
26 sion 12 of section 8 of the state finance  
27 law and any other inconsistent provision  
28 of law, moneys from this appropriation may  
29 be used for expenses of family care homes  
30 including payments to operators of certi-  
31 fied family care homes for damages caused  
32 by clients to personal and real property  
33 in accordance with standards established  
34 by the commissioner and approved by the  
35 director of the budget.

36 Notwithstanding any inconsistent provision  
37 of law, moneys from this appropriation may  
38 be used for appropriate day program  
39 services and residential services includ-  
40 ing, but not limited to, direct housing  
41 subsidies to individuals, start-up  
42 expenses for family care providers, envi-  
43 ronmental modifications, adaptive technol-  
44 ogies, appraisals, property options,  
45 feasibility studies and preoperational  
46 expenses.

47 Notwithstanding any inconsistent provision  
48 of law except pursuant to a chapter of the  
49 laws of 2025 authorizing a 2.6 percent  
50 targeted inflationary increase, for the  
51 period commencing on April 1, 2025 and  
52 ending March 31, 2026 the commissioner  
53 shall not apply any other inflationary  
54 increases, cost of living type increases,  
55 inflation factors, or trend factors for  
56 the purpose of establishing rates of

1 payments, contracts or any other form of  
2 reimbursement; provided that this shall  
3 not prevent the commissioner from applying  
4 prior adjustments for the purpose of  
5 establishing rates resulting from a rebas-  
6 ing of base year costs.

7 Notwithstanding section 6908 of the educa-  
8 tion law and any other provision of law,  
9 rule or regulation to the contrary, direct  
10 support staff in programs certified or  
11 approved by the office for people with  
12 developmental disabilities, including the  
13 home and community based services waiver  
14 programs that the office for people with  
15 developmental disabilities is authorized  
16 to administer with federal approval pursu-  
17 ant to subdivision (c) of section 1915 of  
18 the federal social security act, are  
19 authorized to provide such tasks as OPWDD  
20 may specify when performed under the  
21 supervision, training and periodic  
22 inspection of a registered professional  
23 nurse and in accordance with an authorized  
24 practitioner's ordered care.

25 Notwithstanding any other provision of law  
26 to the contrary, and consistent with  
27 section 33.07 of the mental hygiene law,  
28 the directors of facilities licensed but  
29 not operated by the office for people with  
30 developmental disabilities who act as  
31 federally-appointed representative payees  
32 and who assume management responsibility  
33 over the funds of a resident may continue  
34 to use such funds for the cost of the  
35 resident's care and treatment, consistent  
36 with federal law and regulations.

37 Funds appropriated herein shall be available  
38 in accordance with the following:

39 Notwithstanding any inconsistent provision  
40 of law, the director of the budget is  
41 authorized to make suballocations from  
42 this appropriation to the department of  
43 health medical assistance program.

44 Notwithstanding any inconsistent provision  
45 of law, and pursuant to criteria estab-  
46 lished by the commissioner of the office  
47 for people with developmental disabilities  
48 and approved by the director of the budg-  
49 et, expenditures may be made from this  
50 appropriation for residential facilities  
51 which are pending recertification as  
52 intermediate care facilities for people  
53 with developmental disabilities.

54 Notwithstanding the provisions of section  
55 41.36 of the mental hygiene law and any  
56 other inconsistent provision of law,

1 moneys from this appropriation may be used  
 2 for payment up to \$250 per year per  
 3 client, at such times and in such manner  
 4 as determined by the commissioner on the  
 5 basis of financial need for the personal  
 6 needs of each client residing in voluntar-  
 7 y-operated community residences and volun-  
 8 tary-operated community residential alter-  
 9 natives, including individualized  
 10 residential alternatives under the home  
 11 and community based services waiver. The  
 12 commissioner shall, subject to the  
 13 approval of the director of the budget,  
 14 alter existing advance payment schedules  
 15 for voluntary-operated community resi-  
 16 dences established pursuant to section  
 17 41.36 of the mental hygiene law.

18 Notwithstanding any inconsistent provision  
 19 of law, moneys from this appropriation may  
 20 be used for the operation of clinics  
 21 licensed pursuant to article 16 of the  
 22 mental hygiene law including, but not  
 23 limited to, supportive and habilitative  
 24 services consistent with the home and  
 25 community based services waiver.

26 For the state and/or local share of medical  
 27 assistance services expenses incurred by  
 28 the department of health for the provision  
 29 of medical assistance services to people  
 30 with developmental disabilities (37835) ... 280,008,000

31 For services and expenses of the community  
 32 services program, net of disallowances,  
 33 for community programs for people with  
 34 developmental disabilities pursuant to  
 35 article 41 of the mental hygiene law,  
 36 and/or chapter 620 of the laws of 1974,  
 37 chapter 660 of the laws of 1977, chapter  
 38 412 of the laws of 1981, chapter 27 of the  
 39 laws of 1987, chapter 729 of the laws of  
 40 1989, chapter 329 of the laws of 1993 and  
 41 other provisions of the mental hygiene  
 42 law. Notwithstanding any inconsistent  
 43 provision of law, the following appropri-  
 44 ation shall be net of prior and/or current  
 45 year refunds, rebates, reimbursements, and  
 46 credits.

47 Notwithstanding any other provision of law,  
 48 advances and reimbursement made pursuant  
 49 to subdivision (d) of section 41.15 and  
 50 section 41.18 of the mental hygiene law  
 51 shall be allocated pursuant to a plan and  
 52 in a manner prescribed by the agency head  
 53 and approved by the director of the budg-  
 54 et. The moneys hereby appropriated are  
 55 available to reimburse or advance locali-  
 56 ties and voluntary non-profit agencies for

1 expenditures made during local fiscal  
2 periods commencing January 1, 2026, April  
3 1, 2026 or July 1, 2026, and for advances  
4 for the 3 month period beginning January  
5 1, 2027.

6 Notwithstanding the provisions of article 41  
7 of the mental hygiene law or any other  
8 inconsistent provision of law, rule or  
9 regulation, the commissioner, pursuant to  
10 such contract and in the manner provided  
11 therein, may pay all or a portion of the  
12 expenses incurred by such voluntary agen-  
13 cies arising out of loans which are funded  
14 from the proceeds of bonds and notes  
15 issued by the dormitory authority of the  
16 state of New York.

17 Notwithstanding any other provision of law,  
18 the money hereby appropriated may be  
19 transferred to state operations and/or any  
20 appropriation of the office for people  
21 with developmental disabilities with the  
22 approval of the director of the budget.

23 Notwithstanding any inconsistent provision  
24 of law, moneys from this appropriation may  
25 be used for state aid of up to 100 percent  
26 of the net deficit costs of day training  
27 programs and family support services.

28 Notwithstanding the provisions of section  
29 16.23 of the mental hygiene law and any  
30 other inconsistent provision of law, with  
31 relation to the operation of certified  
32 family care homes, including family care  
33 homes sponsored by voluntary not-for-pro-  
34 fit agencies, moneys from this appropri-  
35 ation may be used for payments to purchase  
36 general services including but not limited  
37 to respite providers, up to a maximum of  
38 14 days, at rates to be established by the  
39 commissioner and approved by the director  
40 of the budget in consideration of factors  
41 including, but not limited to, geographic  
42 area and number of clients cared for in  
43 the home and for payment in an amount  
44 determined by the commissioner for the  
45 personal needs of each client residing in  
46 the family care home.

47 Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivi-  
48 sion 12 of section 8 of the state finance  
49 law and any other inconsistent provision  
50 of law, moneys from this appropriation may  
51 be used for expenses of family care homes  
52 including payments to operators of certi-  
53 fied family care homes for damages caused  
54 by clients to personal and real property  
55 in accordance with standards established

1 by the commissioner and approved by the  
2 director of the budget.

3 Notwithstanding any inconsistent provision  
4 of law, moneys from this appropriation may  
5 be used for appropriate day program  
6 services and residential services includ-  
7 ing, but not limited to, direct housing  
8 subsidies to individuals, start-up  
9 expenses for family care providers, envi-  
10 ronmental modifications, adaptive technol-  
11 ogies, appraisals, property options,  
12 feasibility studies and preoperational  
13 expenses.

14 Notwithstanding any inconsistent provision  
15 of law, moneys from this appropriation may  
16 be used to fund continuity of care  
17 services, family reimbursed respite, other  
18 than personal services and direct housing  
19 subsidies for people who are enrolled in  
20 OPWDD's self-direction program, provided  
21 any or all such costs are identified in a  
22 self-direction budget approved by OPWDD.

23 Notwithstanding any inconsistent provision  
24 of law except pursuant to a chapter of the  
25 laws of 2025 authorizing a 2.6 percent  
26 targeted inflationary increase, for the  
27 period commencing on April 1, 2025 and  
28 ending March 31, 2026 the commissioner  
29 shall not apply any other inflationary  
30 increases, cost of living type increases,  
31 inflation factors, or trend factors for  
32 the purpose of establishing rates of  
33 payments, contracts or any other form of  
34 reimbursement; provided that this shall  
35 not prevent the commissioner from applying  
36 prior adjustments for the purpose of  
37 establishing rates resulting from a rebas-  
38 ing of base year costs.

39 Notwithstanding section 6908 of the educa-  
40 tion law and any other provision of law,  
41 rule or regulation to the contrary, direct  
42 support staff in programs certified or  
43 approved by the office for people with  
44 developmental disabilities, including the  
45 home and community based services waiver  
46 programs that the office for people with  
47 developmental disabilities is authorized  
48 to administer with federal approval pursu-  
49 ant to subdivision (c) of section 1915 of  
50 the federal social security act, are  
51 authorized to provide such tasks as OPWDD  
52 may specify when performed under the  
53 supervision, training and periodic  
54 inspection of a registered professional  
55 nurse and in accordance with an authorized  
56 practitioner's ordered care.

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

13 Funds appropriated herein shall be available  
14 in accordance with the following:

15 Notwithstanding any other provision of law  
16 to the contrary, funds appropriated herein  
17 are available to reimburse in- and  
18 out-of-state private residential schools,  
19 pursuant to subdivision (c) of section  
20 13.37-a and subdivision (g) of section  
21 13.38 of the mental hygiene law, for costs  
22 of supporting the residential and day  
23 program services available to individuals  
24 who are over the age of 21 years of age,  
25 provided that the amount paid for residen-  
26 tial services and/or maintenance costs is  
27 net of any supplemental security income  
28 benefit to which the individual receiving  
29 services is eligible, and provided further  
30 that funding for nonresidential services  
31 will be in an amount not to exceed the  
32 maximum reimbursement for appropriate day  
33 services delivered by the office for  
34 people with developmental disabilities  
35 certified or approved providers other than  
36 in- and out-of-state private residential  
37 schools, unless otherwise authorized by  
38 the director of the budget.

39 Notwithstanding section 163 of the state  
40 finance law, section 142 of the economic  
41 development law, and article 41 of the  
42 mental hygiene law, the commissioner of  
43 the office for people with developmental  
44 disabilities may make the funds appropri-  
45 ated herein available as state aid, a loan  
46 or a grant, pursuant to terms and condi-  
47 tions established by the commissioner of  
48 the office for people with developmental  
49 disabilities, to cover a portion of the  
50 development costs of private, public  
51 and/or non-profit organizations, including  
52 corporations and partnerships established  
53 pursuant to the private housing finance  
54 law and/or any other statutory provisions,  
55 for supportive housing units that have  
56 been set aside for individuals with intel-

1	lectual and developmental disabilities.	
2	Further, the office for people with devel-	
3	opmental disabilities shall have a lien on	
4	the real property developed with such	
5	state aid, loans or grants, which shall be	
6	in the amount of the loan or grant, for a	
7	maximum term of 30 years, or other longer	
8	term consistent with the requirements of	
9	another regulatory agency.	
10	For services and expenses related to the	
11	provision of residential services to	
12	people with developmental disabilities	
13	(37802) ..... [ <del>14,655,000</del> ]	<u>18,563,000</u>
14	For services and expenses related to the	
15	provision of day program services to	
16	people with developmental disabilities	
17	(37803) ..... [ <del>3,600,000</del> ]	<u>4,560,000</u>
18	For services and expenses related to the	
19	provision of family support services to	
20	people with developmental disabilities	
21	(37804) ..... [ <del>4,050,000</del> ]	<u>5,130,000</u>
22	For services and expenses related to the	
23	provision of workshop, day training and	
24	employment services to people with devel-	
25	opmental disabilities. Notwithstanding any	
26	other provision of law, up to [ <del>\$34,500</del> ]	
27	<u>\$43,700</u> of this appropriation may be	
28	transferred to the New York State Educa-	
29	tion Departments' Adult Career and Contin-	
30	uing Education Services - Vocational Reha-	
31	ilitation (ACCES-VR) program to support	
32	the LongTerm Sheltered Employment program	
33	operated by FEDCAP Rehabilitation	
34	Services, Inc. (37805) ..... [ <del>2,340,000</del> ]	<u>2,964,000</u>
35	For other services and expenses provided to	
36	people with developmental disabilities	
37	including but not limited to hepatitis B,	
38	care at home waiver, epilepsy services,	
39	Special Olympics New York, Inc. and volun-	
40	tary fingerprinting (37806) ..... [ <del>600,000</del> ]	<u>760,000</u>
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42 § 13. Section 8 of chapter 98 of the laws of 2026, relating to making  
 43 appropriations for the support of government, as amended by chapter 102  
 44 of the laws of 2026, is amended to read as follows:

45 § 8. The amounts specified in this section, or so much thereof as  
 46 shall be sufficient to accomplish the purposes designated, is hereby  
 47 appropriated and authorized to be paid as hereinafter provided, to the  
 48 public officers and for the purposes specified, which amount shall be  
 49 available for the state fiscal year beginning April 1, 2026.

50 DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' SERVICES

51 AID TO LOCALITIES

1	BLIND VETERAN ANNUITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM .....	385,000	
2			-----
3	General Fund		
4	Local Assistance Account - 10000		
5	For payment of annuities to blind veterans		
6	and eligible surviving spouses. Up to		
7	\$15,000 of this appropriation may be		
8	transferred to state operations for admin-		
9	istrative costs associated with this		
10	program (54606) .....	385,000	
11			-----
12	VETERANS' BENEFITS ADVISING PROGRAM .....	[ <del>90,000</del> ]	<u>114,000</u>
13			-----
14	Special Revenue Funds - Other		
15	Homeless Veterans Assistance Fund		
16	Homeless Veterans Assistance Account - 20204		
17	For services and expenses related to home-		
18	less veterans' housing (54815) ... [ <del>90,000</del> ]		<u>114,000</u>
19			-----

20 § 14. No expenditure may be made from any appropriation in this act,  
 21 until a certificate of approval has been issued by the director of the  
 22 budget and a copy of such certificate shall have been filed with the  
 23 state comptroller, the chairman of the senate finance committee and the  
 24 chairman of the assembly ways and means committee provided, however,  
 25 that any expenditures from any appropriation in this act made by the  
 26 legislature or judiciary shall not require such certificate.

27 § 15. All expenditures and disbursements made against the appropri-  
 28 ations in this act shall, upon final action by the legislature on appro-  
 29 priation bills submitted by the governor pursuant to article VII of the  
 30 state constitution for the support of government for the state fiscal  
 31 year beginning April 1, 2026, be transferred by the comptroller as  
 32 expenditures and disbursements to such appropriations for all state  
 33 departments and agencies, as applicable, in amounts equal to the amounts  
 34 charged against the appropriations in this act for each such department,  
 35 agency, and the legislature and the judiciary.

36 § 16. Severability clause. If any clause, sentence, paragraph, subdi-  
 37 vision, section or part of this act shall be adjudged by any court of  
 38 competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such judgment shall not affect,  
 39 impair, or invalidate the remainder thereof, but shall be confined in  
 40 its operation to the clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, section  
 41 or part thereof directly involved in the controversy in which such judg-  
 42 ment shall have been rendered. It is hereby declared to be the intent of  
 43 the legislature that this act would have been enacted even if such  
 44 invalid provisions had not been included herein.

45 § 17. This act shall take effect immediately and shall be deemed to  
 46 have been in full force and effect on and after April 1, 2026; provided,  
 47 however, that upon the transfer of expenditures and disbursements by the

1 comptroller as provided in section fifteen of this act, the appropri-  
2 ations made by this act and subject to such section shall be deemed  
3 repealed.