

HEALTH & MENTAL HYGIENE

**Summary of Recommended Appropriations
By Agency**

OFFICE FOR THE AGING

	Adjusted Appropriation 2006-07	Executive Request 2007-08	Legislative Appropriation 2007-08	Change
STATE OPERATIONS				
General Fund	2,384,000	2,756,000	3,366,000	610,000
Special Revenue-Other	300,000	300,000	300,000	0
Special Revenue-Federal	10,250,000	10,250,000	10,250,000	0
Enterprise	100,000	100,000	100,000	0
Total for STATE OPERATIONS	13,034,000	13,406,000	14,016,000	610,000
AID TO LOCALITIES				
General Fund	98,161,300	107,633,000	113,113,000	5,480,000
Special Revenue-Other	4,000,000	4,000,000	4,000,000	0
Special Revenue-Federal	107,600,000	107,600,000	107,600,000	0
Total for Agency	209,761,300	219,233,000	224,713,000	5,480,000
Grants In Aid	0	0	6,653,085	6,653,085
Total for AID TO LOCALITIES	209,761,300	219,233,000	231,366,085	12,133,085

LEGISLATIVE ACTION

The Legislature appropriates \$238,729,000 on an All Funds basis, a net increase of \$6,090,000 over the Executive budget submission. A further \$6,653,085 is provided for additional programs.

Legislative Changes

The Legislature provides

- \$2,030,000 for a pilot project related to the development of affordable independent living senior housing.
- \$1,000,000 in additional funding to designated Area Agencies on Aging for transportation operating expenses related to serving the elderly.
- \$1,000,000 to support pilot programs related to geriatric in-home medical care initiatives including in-home visits and consultations by physicians.
- \$600,000 to support social workers that provide gerontological care coordination services in conjunction with the geriatric home medical care initiative.
- \$500,000 in additional funding to support new providers of social model adult day services.
- \$225,000 to be suballocated to the Department of Health for the Alzheimer's Advisory Coordinating Council to review the impact of existing agency initiatives and to develop a comprehensive statewide policy for providing services to people with dementia and their families.
- \$200,000 to support end of life care initiatives in at least four counties.

- \$150,000 for a study by the School of Social Welfare at Stony Brook University to evaluate the pilot programs in the geriatric home medical care initiative and the related pilot project to study the role of social workers in providing gerontological care coordination services.
- \$100,000 to support the Mature Worker Taskforce which will identify priorities and develop policy alternatives related to an aging workforce.
- \$100,000 for the development of zoning and planning guidelines that foster age-integrated communities.
- \$90,000 for the NY NORC Health Indicators Project at the United Hospital Fund that will develop and evaluate strategies to maximize the effectiveness of Naturally Occurring Retirement Communities (NORC) and Neighborhood Naturally Occurring Retirement Communities (NNORC) services provided to seniors.
- \$85,000 to support additional staff to provide oversight of the NORC and NNORC programs.
- \$10,000 for a Caregiving in New York Study to be conducted by the United Hospital Fund that will evaluate the various aspects of the informal caregiver network.

Article VII

The Legislature includes language to:

- require the Director of the Office for the Aging, in consultation with the Commissioner of Health to establish the NY Connects: Choices for Long Term Care program to provide consistent, comprehensive, locally-based information and assistance on long term care services to consumers, caregivers and families on a voluntary basis, as well as an on-going public education and outreach campaign;
- modify funding counties receive for planning and implementation under the Enhanced In-home Services for the Elderly Program (EISEP) to an amount equal to that allocated to the counties under the Community Services for the Elderly (CSE) program;
- create a Mature Worker Task Force to coordinate the State's efforts to assist older persons who choose to continue to work;
- require the Director of the Office for the Aging to prepare model zoning and planning guidelines that foster age-integrated and mixed use communities; and
- create within the Department of Health, a Coordinating Council for services related to Alzheimer's disease and other dementias, to be funded by a suballocation from the Office for the Aging.

Legislative Additions

The Legislature provides funding for the following:

PROGRAM	APPROPRIATION
PILOT PROJECT TO DEVELOP AFFORDABLE INDEPENDENT LIVING SENIOR HOUSING	\$2,030,000
OPERATING SUPPORT FOR TRANSPORTATION RELATED EXPENSES	\$1,000,000
GERIATRIC IN-HOME MEDICAL INITIATIVES	\$1,000,000
GERIATRIC HOME MEDICAL CARE INITIATIVE - SOCIAL WORK SERVICES	\$600,000
ADULT DAY CARE - SOCIAL MODEL	\$500,000
END OF LIFE CARE INTITIATIVES	\$200,000

SUNY STONY BROOK -STUDY OF GERIATIC INTITIATIVES	\$150,000
ALZHEIMERS DISEASE COORDINATING COUNCIL	\$150,000
MATURE WORKER TASKFORCE	\$100,000
ZONING AND PLANNING GUIDELINES TO FOSTER AN AGE-INTEGRATED COMMUNITY	\$100,000
NY NORC INDICATORS PROGRAM	\$90,000
NORC STAFFING	\$85,000
ALZHEIMER'S ADVISORY COORDINATING COUNCIL	\$75,000
CAREGIVING IN NY STUDY	\$10,000

DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES PLANNING COUNCIL

	Adjusted Appropriation 2006-07	Executive Request 2007-08	Legislative Appropriation 2007-08	Change
STATE OPERATIONS				
Special Revenue-Federal	4,550,000	4,550,000	4,550,000	0
Enterprise	10,000	10,000	10,000	0
Total for STATE OPERATIONS	4,560,000	4,560,000	4,560,000	0

LEGISLATIVE ACTION

The Legislature concurs with the Executive's recommendation.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

	Adjusted Appropriation 2006-07	Executive Request 2007-08	Legislative Appropriation 2007-08	Change
STATE OPERATIONS				
General Fund	165,484,000	225,439,000	227,839,000	2,400,000
Special Revenue-Other	500,510,000	485,146,500	584,746,500	99,600,000
Special Revenue-Federal	3,979,144,000	3,960,840,000	3,960,840,000	0
Enterprise	10,000	10,000	10,000	0
Total for STATE OPERATIONS	4,645,148,000	4,671,435,500	4,773,435,500	102,000,000
AID TO LOCALITIES				
General Fund	10,035,134,300	10,157,194,900	10,537,706,900	380,512,000
Special Revenue-Other	6,458,248,000	6,371,845,000	6,276,645,000	(95,200,000)
Special Revenue-Federal	26,345,255,000	24,921,322,000	25,168,484,000	247,162,000
Total for Agency	42,838,637,300	41,450,361,900	41,982,835,900	532,474,000
Total Contingency	2,271,200,000	1,771,200,000	1,771,200,000	0
Grants In Aid	0	0	12,180,060	12,180,060
Total for AID TO LOCALITIES	45,109,837,300	43,221,561,900	43,766,215,960	544,654,060
CAPITAL PROJECTS				
Capital Projects Fund	182,600,000	182,600,000	182,600,000	0
Capital Projects Fund - Advances	85,000,000	85,000,000	85,000,000	0
Federal Capital Projects Fund	32,937,000	36,812,000	36,812,000	0
Capital Projects Fund - Authority Bonds	5,000,000	0	0	0
Total for CAPITAL PROJECTS	305,537,000	304,412,000	304,412,000	0

LEGISLATIVE ACTION

The Legislature appropriates \$47,060,683,400 for the Department of Health on an All Funds basis, a net increase of \$634,474,000 over the Executive budget submission. This net increase is due to All Funds restorations and additions totaling \$502,324,000 to the State's Medical Assistance (Medicaid) Program, \$32,150,000 for various health programs and \$100,000,000 for the Stem Cell Research Account. A further \$12,180,060 is provided for additional programs.

Legislative Reductions

The Legislature reduces Medicaid General Fund spending by \$64,000,000 related to the elimination of the hospital recruitment and retention payments enacted in SFY 2005-06. The Legislature would continue these payments to hospitals located in rural areas of the State. The Legislature reduces General Fund Medicaid support by \$6,900,000 related to the elimination of the proposed \$1 increase in the Medicaid dispensing fee paid to pharmacies. The Legislature also reduces the General Fund appropriation for the proposed tele-health demonstration project by \$2,500,000. Legislature also re-estimates SFY 2007-08 General Fund Medical Assistance Program spending for a financial plan savings of \$73,700,000.

The Legislature reduces Health Care Reform Act (HCRA) spending by \$10,700,000, related to: the rejection of the proposed \$1 increase in the Elderly Pharmaceutical Insurance Coverage (EPIC) Program dispensing fee paid to pharmacies, \$1,700,000 in savings; a reduction in the Hospital Workforce Retraining Program, \$3,000,000 in savings; and a reduction in State grants to non-public general hospitals, \$6,000,000 in savings. The Legislature also transfers \$7,000,000 from the Health Facility Restructuring program to the General Fund to offset new spending.

The Legislature rejects a proposal to implement a licensing fee on providers of Early Intervention (EI) services and eliminates the \$400,000 Special Revenue-Other account related to the collection of these fees.

Legislative Changes

Public Health

The Legislature accepts the Executive's proposal to add \$20,000,000 in appropriation authority for emergency response in General Public Health Works (Article 6), for a total reserve of \$40,000,000 for use by the State and local governments in the event of a public health crisis.

The Legislature accepts the Executive's proposal for savings in the Early Intervention (EI) Program of \$10,000,000 from enhancing EI audit recoveries by adding five additional FTE positions. The Legislature rejects the Executive's proposal to require insurance companies to cover EI services if these are services normally covered and the plans are approved by DOH.

The Legislature rejects the proposal to increase biennial registration fee for physicians by \$400, from \$600 to \$1,000, and adds \$2,000,000 to support the Office of Professional Medical Conduct (OPMC), including its physician profiling activities which the higher fee would have supported. The Legislature rejects the Executive's proposal authorizing permanent funding of the physician profiling program from the OPMC account and instead extends authorization for such use of funds from the OPMC account for two years.

The Legislature accepts the Executive's proposal to provide \$2,000,000 for an initiative that would require school districts to report the body mass index (BMI) on the school health certificates of all elementary school students, and adds language that requires the Department of Health to develop model intervention programs to combat child obesity.

The Legislature provides \$1,175,000 in additional funding in the AIDS Institute for AIDS-related programs, including: \$575,000 for Community Service Programs (CSP); \$575,000 for Multi-Service Agencies (MSA); and \$25,000 for The New York Aids Coalition.

The Legislature provides an additional \$21,025,000 in the Center for Community Health for public health programs, including: \$4,600,000 for Palliative Care Education and Training; \$3,000,000 for Health Information Technology; \$2,000,000 for New York State Wellness Program; \$1,000,000 for Improved Access To Infertility Services; \$1,000,000 for Our Lady of Lourdes Memorial Hospital; \$900,000 for the Finger Lakes Health Systems Agency; \$675,000 for School Based Health Clinics; \$675,000 for Family Planning Services; \$675,000 for Health And Social Services Sexuality Related Programs; \$540,000 for a Thyroid Cancer Screening Pilot Project; \$500,000 for Auburn Memorial Hospital; \$500,000 for Academic Health Center Consortium; \$475,000 for The American Red Cross In New York; \$400,000 for The Brain Trauma Foundation; \$300,000 for The Alzheimer's Community Assistance Program; \$250,000 for Community Hospital Network of Central New York; \$250,000 for Long Island Health Networks; \$250,000 for Catskill Area Hospice And Palliative Care; \$250,000 for Alyce Hyde Medical Center; \$250,000 for Arnot Ogden Medical Center; \$200,000 for North Country Children's Clinic; \$200,000 for St. Camillus Health And Rehabilitation Center; \$200,000 for Canton-Potsdam Hospital; \$200,000 for Community General Hospital Of Greater Syracuse; \$200,000 for Cortland Regional Medical Center; \$175,000 for Benedictine Hospital – Kingston; \$175,000 for Kingston Hospital; \$160,000 for Statewide Ovarian Cancer Hotline; \$150,000 for Ellenville Regional Hospital; \$150,000 for North County Healthcare Providers Educational and Research Fund; \$125,000 for Perinatal Care Networks; \$100,000 for Alzheimer's Disease Assistance Centers (ADAC); \$100,000 for Statewide Arthritis

Foundation; \$100,000 for St. Elizabeth Medical Center; \$100,000 for Health Based Literacy Program; \$100,000 for Services for Individuals with amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS); \$50,000 for Breast Cancer Support and Education Services; and \$50,000 for Huntington's Disease Centers.

The Legislature adds \$2,500,000 in the Health Care Standards and Surveillance Program to support a housing subsidy for certain beneficiaries under the Nursing Home Transition and Diversion Waiver.

The Legislature provides an additional \$200,000 in the Office of Medicaid Management Program to support an analysis of proposals for achieving universal health coverage in New York. The Legislature also suballocates \$1,000,000 originally appropriated for activities related to the maximization of the Federal Medicare Part D Drug Program to the Office for the Aging to support the Health Insurance Information, Counseling and Assistance Program (HIICAP).

The Legislature accepts the Executive's proposal for an additional \$38,400,000 to support the second year of a three year Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) tied to the CPI to take effect on April 1, 2007. The COLA would apply to various programs within the AIDS Institute, Administration Program, and the Center for Community Health Program.

Medical Assistance (Medicaid) Program and Health Care Reform Act (HCRA)

The Legislature provides a net restoration of \$366,700,000 of the \$1,257,700,000 in General Fund Medicaid and Health Care Reform Act (HCRA) reductions proposed by the Executive in State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2007-08. This restoration represents a net General Fund increase of \$331,300,000 and a net increase of \$35,400,000 in HCRA funding. The Legislature also accepts the Executive's proposal to extend the Health Care Reform Act (HCRA) from June 30, 2007 to March 31, 2008.

Hospitals

The Legislature provides a net restoration of \$157,600,000 of the \$305,600,000 in State share reductions proposed for hospitals and also provides \$27,500,000 in new rate enhancements for hospitals. The Legislature includes \$68,500,000 to support a 75 percent restoration of the hospital trend factor. The Legislature restores \$136,900,000 and rejects the Executive's proposal to make permanent the 0.35 percent gross receipts assessment on hospitals. This assessment will sunset on March 31, 2007. The Legislature accepts the Executive's proposal to repeal the reconciliation of overpayments of the assessment made by hospitals in prior years, resulting in \$44,300,000 in State savings. These additions are offset by the Legislature's rejection of \$64,000,000 related to the proposed continuation of hospital recruitment and retention payments enacted in SFY 2005-06.

The Legislature accepts the Executive's proposal to eliminate the Graduate Medical Education (GME) hold harmless provisions. The Legislature also authorizes hospitals to adjust their cost reports to reflect more accurately the true cost under GME and provides \$16,200,000 to support hospitals impacted by this change.

In addition to these restorations, the Legislature also authorizes several rate enhancements for hospitals, including: a \$2,500,000 increase for general hospitals located in Nassau and Suffolk counties; a \$6,000,000 increase in the priority restoration program, as well as language to provide a partial hold harmless for hospitals affected by the new distribution methodology; and \$19,000,000 to support language services at voluntary hospitals in New York City.

The Legislature also redirects \$24,000,000 originally proposed as a rate increase for public hospitals having Medicaid discharges that comprise more than 35 percent of total discharges. This funding would now support two new rate increases: a \$3,000,000 increase for upstate public hospitals and a \$21,000,000 increase for upstate voluntary hospitals for which Medicaid discharges represent between 17.5 percent and 35 percent of their total discharges.

The Legislature accepts the \$20,900,000 reduction in hospital worker recruitment and retention program funding and amends the Executive's proposal to redistribute funding among hospitals. The revised methodology, which mitigates

the impact of redistribution on hospitals, would utilize 50 percent of a hospital's labor costs and 50 percent of a hospital's total Medicaid revenue.

The Legislature amends the Executive's proposal to re-weight the hospital Diagnosis Related Group (DRG) system, which is the method used to establish rates paid to hospitals for inpatient services. The Legislature requires that the new methodology must be revenue neutral to both the State and the hospital industry. The Legislature also requires the Commissioner of Health to obtain the input of various stakeholders and to provide all relevant data and information to the hospital industry on or before June 1, 2007.

The Legislature also requires the Commissioner of Health and the Chairs of the Senate and Assembly Health Committees to convene a technical advisory committee to assist in the creation of a new methodology for providing funds to hospitals and clinics for bad debt and charity care. The Commissioner of Health and the Chairs of the Senate and Assembly Health Committees are required to hold hearings and to obtain input from relevant stakeholders. A report must be provided to the Legislature by December 15, 2007, detailing all of the findings and including recommendations for a new distribution methodology.

Nursing Homes

The Legislature restores \$155,500,000 of the \$230,400,000 in proposed State share reductions related to nursing homes. The Legislature delays the exclusion of Medicare and private pay patients from the case mix used to calculate Medicaid rates until April 1, 2009, and restores \$83,500,000 related to this action. The Legislature also provides \$54,500,000 related to a 75 percent restoration of the trend factor for nursing homes and restores \$17,500,000 for the Nursing Home Quality Improvement program.

The Legislature accepts the \$20,800,000 State share reduction in nursing home recruitment and retention funding, and amends the Executive's proposal to redistribute funding. The revised methodology, which mitigates the impact of redistribution on nursing homes, would utilize 50 percent of a nursing home's labor costs and 50 percent of total Medicaid revenue.

Other Long Term Care

The Legislature provides \$8,000,000 for restoration of the rural home care program.

The Legislature amends the Executive's proposal to establish tele-health demonstration projects by authorizing the Commissioner of Health to establish Medicaid rates of payments for agencies providing individuals with tele-health services under the home care program.

The Legislature increases the number of Managed Long Term Care Demonstration Projects from 30 to 50 and allows for the designation of 15 additional qualified applicants, five designated by the Majority Leader of the Senate, five by the Speaker of the Assembly, and five by the Commissioner of Health. The Legislature also makes various technical changes to the Managed Long Term Care statute.

Pharmacy

The Legislature provides a net restoration of \$42,600,000 of the \$240,100,000 in proposed State share reductions related to pharmacies. The Legislature rejects the Executive's proposed changes to the Preferred Drug Program (PDP) and Clinical Drug Review Program (CDRP) for pharmaceuticals and restores \$22,300,000 to the Medicaid program and \$1,000,000 to Elderly Pharmaceutical Insurance Coverage (EPIC) Program. Specifically, the Legislature rejects the Executive's proposals to include cost as a factor in the CDRP, and to reduce public notice from 30 to 10 days and to eliminate the exemption for anti-depressants under the PDL.

The Legislature provides an additional \$17,300,000 to the Medicaid program and \$10,600,000 to the EPIC program for partial restoration of the Executive's proposed reduction in reimbursement to pharmacies. The restoration provides

for the reimbursement of brand name drugs at Average Wholesale Price (AWP) minus 14.0 percent instead of AWP minus 15.0 percent and at AWP minus 25.0 percent for generic drugs instead of AWP minus 30.0 percent as had been proposed by the Executive. The Legislature also maintains specialized HIV/AIDS only pharmacies at AWP minus 12 percent for brand name and generic drugs. These additions are offset by a reduction of \$6,900,000 in the Medicaid program and a reduction of \$1,700,000 in the EPIC program related to the rejection of the proposed \$1 increase in the dispensing fee paid to pharmacies.

The Legislature accepts the Executive's proposal to require all seniors to enroll in a Medicare Part D drug plan in order to remain eligible to participate in the EPIC Program, and ensures that all seniors enrolled in both Medicare Part D and EPIC would have the same or better prescription drug coverage than if they were enrolled in just the EPIC program. The Legislature also accepts the proposed savings of \$63,000,000 related to this action.

Managed Care

The Legislature accepts the Executive's proposed freeze on the premium payments made to health plans that provide health insurance coverage for eligible individuals receiving State funded health care under Medicaid Managed Care, Family Health Plus, and Child Health Plus, for State savings of \$101,700,000.

Health Insurance Coverage

The Legislature accepts the Executive's proposed addition of \$24,200,000 in State funding to support a streamlining of the re-certification and eligibility determination process for the Medicaid and Family Health Plus (FHP) programs. Specifically, these changes eliminate unnecessary documentation requirements and guarantee 12 months of continuous coverage for adults; however, the Legislature modifies the proposal to require the Commissioner of Health to verify income and residence data.

The Legislature also accepts the Executive's proposed addition of \$10,600,000 to support the expansion of Child Health Plus (CHP) eligibility from 250 percent to 400 percent of the Federal Poverty Level and the establishment of a CHP Premium Assistance Program. The Legislature rejects the proposal to move the rate setting process for CHP from the Department of Insurance (DOI) to the Department of Health (DOH).

The Legislature authorizes insurance companies to offer policies that continue health insurance coverage on the policies of the parents or legal guardians of unmarried children until they attain the age of 25.

Other Proposals

The Legislature restores \$3,000,000 for the supplemental emergency transportation rate and \$4,912,000 in transition and information technology funding for community health centers. The Legislature also provides \$350,000 for the Program for All Inclusive Care for Kids and \$5,000,000 to support 1,500 new Assisted Living Program (ALP) beds.

The Legislature accepts \$259,400,000 in other cost saving measures proposed by the Executive that include: increasing Medicaid fraud audit recoveries, for State savings of \$100,000,000; implementing various savings initiatives in the Mental health areas, including establishing the Psychiatric Clinical Knowledge Enhancement System (PSYCKES) demonstration program, for State savings of \$32,500,000; and eliminating funding for the Commissioner's and Legislative HCRA Priority Pools for State savings of \$38,200,000; secure federal reimbursement for the Home care Insurance Demonstration initiative, for State savings of \$81,500,000; eliminating funding for the Adirondack Cancer Education and Research Program, for State savings of \$5,000,000; and re-establishing county transportation contracts for the Medicaid program, for State savings of \$2,200,000. The Legislature also accepts the Executives proposal to offload an additional \$238,600,000 in General Fund spending to HCRA

Adult Home Initiatives

The Legislature provides \$1,800,000 in additional funding for the Enhancing Abilities and Life Experience (EnAble) Program and \$2,750,000 in additional funding for the Quality Incentive Payment (QUIP) Program. The Legislature also provides \$200,000 for a study of the adequacy of adult home Supplemental Security Income (SSI) payments. In addition, the Legislature adds language that requires food services in adult care facilities to be provided in a manner that respects the dietary needs of the residents, establishes resident food committees in each facility, and authorizes the Commissioner of Health to review and to amend existing regulations in regard to food services in adult care facilities.

Health Insurance Conversion

The Legislature authorizes the conversion of an insurance company located in downstate New York from not-for-profit to for-profit status and dedicates ten percent of the proceeds to the New York State Health Foundation and the remainder to the Health Care Reform Act. The Legislature, however, rejects language proposed by the Executive that would have allowed the Governor to select the chairperson of the public asset and the Division of Budget to approve the sale of stock by the public asset.

Stem Cell Research

The Legislature creates the Empire State Stem Cell Board within the Department of Health to make grants for research and development activities that will further scientific discoveries in fields related to stem cell biology. The Board is comprised of a funding committee and an ethics committee, both of which are chaired by the Commissioner of Health. The Legislature provides \$600,000,000 over eleven years to support the activities of the Empire State Stem Cell Board. This includes \$100,000,000 from the General Fund in SFY 2007-08 and \$50,000,000 a year over the following ten years from the conversion of a downstate New York health insurance plan from not-for-profit to for-profit status. The initial public offering from this conversion is anticipated for SFY 2008-09.

Capital

The Legislature accepts the Executive's proposal to continue the Health Care Efficiency and Affordability Law for New Yorkers (HEAL NY) program and advances the third annual \$250,000,000 installment of the total \$1,000,000,000 available over the four year life of the program. The Legislature modifies the Executive's proposal to dedicate \$30,000,000 in HEAL NY funding to support the voluntary restructuring of residential health care facilities.

Article VII

Part A - The Health Care Reform Act (HCRA)

The Legislature includes language that:

- extends until December 31, 2008, certain provisions of the HCRA program related to hospital HCRA surcharges, Graduate Medical Education (GME), and the Covered Lives Assessment;
- extends, from June 30, 2007 through March 31, 2008, and modifies allocations from the Health Care Initiatives Pool and Tobacco Control And Insurance Initiatives Pool, and deletes tiering references;
- extends the State's authority to transfer funds from HCRA to the General Fund for purposes related to subsidizing HEAL-NY spending, capital grants and debt service costs and dedicates \$30,000,000 in HEAL NY funding for nursing home rightsizing;
- extends the authorization for the covered lives assessment and increases the assessment by \$75,000,000;

- make technical corrections clarifying the sources of revenues excluded from the calculation of cash assessments imposed on hospitals for purposes of funding the bad debt and charity care pools;
- extends the authorization for the Health Occupation Program;
- extends the authorization for Hospital Admission Billing required for timely facility payments through March 31, 2008;
- extends the authorization for the Ambulatory Care Pilot and for cost-based Ambulatory Surgery reimbursement through April 1, 2008;
- extends the Council on Health Care Financing through June 30, 2009;
- extends funding authority for GME and reduces 2007 GME funding by \$24,000,000;
- establishes a new rate adjustment for certain public hospitals having Medicaid discharges that comprise between 17.5 percent and 35 percent of their total discharges;
- extends the authorization date for certain income and benefit expansions in the Child Health Plus program for four years;
- makes modifications to the Child Health Plus program to expand eligibility to 400 percent of the Federal Poverty Level and to establish a three month waiting period for children over the age of five;
- extends permanently the authority of the State to contract with plans to provide CHP services without an RFP and rejects moving the rate setting authority from the Department of Insurance to the Department of Health;
- freezes the Child Health Plus premium at its current level;
- authorizes the collection of encounter data from approved organizations for purposes of oversight and quality assurance in the Child Health Plus program;
- provides payment for nonparticipating providers for inpatient hospital services provided to patients enrolled in CHP;
- extends the Individual Subsidy Program;
- extends the Rural Health Network Development grant program;
- extends and modifies the Health Insurance Demonstration Program;
- modifies the Nursing Home Workforce Recruitment and Retention Program to distribute funding based 50 percent on labor statistics and 50 percent on Medicaid revenue and, in the event it is determined that federal financial participation will not be available, provides for an alternative distribution based on 60 percent Medicaid revenue and 40 percent Medicaid days of care;
- extends and reduces the Hospital Workforce Recruitment and Retention Program and modifies language to distribute this funding based on 50 percent on labor costs and 50 percent Medicaid inpatient discharges and, in the event it is determined that federal financial participation will not be available, provides for an alternative distribution based on 100 percent based Medicaid inpatient discharges;
- extends the Clinic Workforce Recruitment and Retention Program and modifies language to distribute funding according to Medicaid statistics;

- extend the Personal Care Workforce Recruitment and Retention Program and modify language to distribute funding according to Medicaid statistics;
- extends the Home Care Workforce Recruitment and Retention Program;
- extends the Physician's Excess Medical Malpractice Program through June 30, 2008;
- extends the Clinic Bad Debt and Charity Care Program and provides a one-year transition in which distributions are based 50 percent on the existing methodology and 50 percent on the new methodology;
- extends the distribution methodology for the Hospital Indigent Care Program through December 31, 2007 and establishes a study and reporting requirements related to a new distribution methodology;
- extends current High Need Indigent Care Adjustment methodology through March 31, 2008, and provides allocations for the new extension period;
- provides the Commissioner of Health the authority to waive interest and penalties due as part of an audit when such obligation is paid within 60 days of the issuance of a final report, provided that it is mutually agreed between the provider and the Commissioner of Health;
- authorizes the conversion of an insurance company located in downstate New York from not-for-profit to for-profit status and dedicates ten percent of the proceeds to the New York State Health Foundation. The Legislature also rejects language proposed by the Executive that would have allowed the Governor to select the chairperson of the public asset and the Division of Budget to approve the sale of stock by the public asset;
- allocates \$500,000,000 over ten years to support the Empire State Stem Cell Fund from the public asset created by the conversion of an insurance company located in downstate New York from not-for-profit to for-profit status;
- extends through March 31, 2011 the statutory moratorium of the General Fund's obligation to repay a \$200,000,000 loan to HCRA and for HCRA to draw upon the Tobacco Guarantee Fund;
- requires the Commissioner of Health to establish a work group by May 15, 2007, to develop recommendations pertaining to Medicaid reimbursement rate setting for residential health care facilities;
- establishes a new rate adjustment to support language services at non-public hospitals in New York City;
- extends the Health Insurance Continuation Assistance Demonstration program for entertainment industry employees and displaced workers until 2009;
- authorizes insurance companies to offer policies that continue health insurance coverage on the policies of the parents or legal guardians of unmarried children until they reach the age of 25; and
- establishes a Medicaid rate adjustment for general hospitals in Nassau and Suffolk counties.

Part B - Public Health Programs

The Legislature includes language that:

- reduces EPIC pharmacy reimbursement levels for generic prescriptions to AWP minus 25 percent from 20 percent and reduces EPIC pharmacy reimbursement levels for brand name prescriptions to AWP minus 14 percent from 13.25 percent;

- requires all eligible EPIC enrollees to participate in Medicare Part D as a condition of continued eligibility for EPIC, unless such enrollment would result in a significant financial hardship, and requires the EPIC program to cover Medicare Part D premium cost;
- continues Professional Medical Conduct account financing of physician profiling for one year;
- extends the Expanded Syringe Access Demonstration Program (ESADP) for four years and makes various changes to the program;
- establishes a miscellaneous special revenue F-SHRP fund in the joint custody of the Commissioner of Taxation and Finance and the Comptroller, instead of in the sole custody of the Comptroller as originally included in statute;
- requires a child's Body Mass Index (BMI) and weight status category to be reported on mandatory school health certificates; requires a sampling of schools to provide BMI and weight status data for surveys to be conducted by the Commissioner of Health; and requires DOH to use the collected data to develop a model intervention program to combat child obesity and obesity related diseases;
- extends the School Based Health Center Program for four years;
- establishes the Medicaid Training Contract Account;
- requires pharmacies to report prescription retail price information to DOH for posting on its web site from the retail price list required under Education Law, instead of from Medicaid data;
- requires the Director of the State Office for the Aging (SOFA), in consultation with the Commissioner of Health, to establish NY Connects: Choices for Long Term Care to provide consistent, comprehensive, locally-based information and assistance on long term care services to consumers, caregivers and families on a voluntary basis, as well as an ongoing public education and outreach campaign;
- requires the DOH and SOFA to study the efficiency, quality of care, and methodologies for reimbursement for "green house" residential health care facilities;
- authorizes the Commissioner of Health to add 1,500 assisted living program (ALP) beds;
- requires food services in adult care facilities to be provided in a manner that respects the dietary needs of the residents, establishes resident food committees in each facility, and authorizes the Commissioner of Health to review and to amend existing regulations in regard to food services in adult care facilities;
- establishes the New York Wellness Works program between the State of New York and employers to encourage health screening, education and incentives to promote health and prevent disease;
- requires the Department of Health to identify areas with the greatest concentrations of children with elevated blood lead levels to develop a primary prevention plan to prevent exposure to lead-based paint for children;
- creates within the Department of Health a Coordinating Council for services related to Alzheimer's disease and other dementia for the purpose of developing a comprehensive statewide policy;
- requires the Commissioner of Health to report to the Governor and the Legislature on the performance outcomes on programs that promote child health and wellness; and

- requires the Commissioner of Health to evaluate the adequacy and accountability for SSI, Medicaid and safety net assistance payments made to adult care facilities and to or on behalf of the residents of adult care facilities.

Part C - The Medical Assistance (Medicaid) Program

The Legislature includes language that:

- makes changes to streamline the eligibility and re-certification process for Medicaid and Family Health Plus;
- allows the State to continue providing Medicaid family planning services for undocumented immigrants;
- authorizes medically complicated high cost users demonstration programs;
- authorizes the establishment of a premium assistance program for Family Health Plus;
- expands and modifies the Managed Long Term Care Program;
- extends certain operating demonstrations authorized by the Long Term Care Integration and Finance Act of 1997;
- reduces pharmacy reimbursement under Medicaid from AWP minus 13.25 percent to minus 14 percent for brand and AWP minus 20 percent to AWP minus 25 percent for generics;
- provides a 75 percent restoration of the inflationary trend factor for hospitals and nursing homes;
- discontinues the gross receipts assessment for general hospitals and waives the assessment reconciliation process with respect to prior overpayments;
- limits Graduate Medical Education funding to actual costs and eliminates hold-harmless provisions;
- directs the Department of Health to re-weight the hospital DRG system and provides for cost neutrality;
- establishes a nursing home Medicaid-only case mix for rate calculations, effective April 1, 2009;
- continues the Nursing Home assessment at six percent through March 31, 2011;
- re-establishes the Wage Equalization Factor (WEF) retroactive to April 1, 2006, and permits WEF updates through 2012;
- imposes certain spousal budgeting limitations for individuals in the Nursing Home Transition and Diversion Waiver;
- requires the Department of Social Services to provide written notice to an insurance carrier of its right of subrogation within three years of the date that services are rendered under the policy;
- makes technical corrections to the Medicaid wrap-around and Medicaid cap provisions;
- provides an income disregard for the medically needy population under Medicaid, contingent on Federal Financial Participation, to create income parity with the Supplemental Security Income (SSI) population;
- changes the cost sharing for the Working Disabled from a percentage methodology to a flat monthly fee of \$25 for single recipients and \$50 for couples;

- establish rates of payment to assist CHHA, LTHHCP and LHSCA in effective monitoring and management of patients with certain medical needs requiring constant monitoring, frequent physician and/or skilled nursing services;
- restores transition and information technology funding for community health centers;
- restores funding for rural home care program;
- authorizes the Commissioner of Health to make grants to palliative care certified medical schools and residency education programs;
- extends various prior year cost containments for two years, except for the section related to Limited Home Care Agencies which is extended for one year;
- modifies and expands the Priority Restoration Program; and
- extends the Long Term Care Home Health Care Program for two years.

Part H - Empire State Stem Cell Board

The Legislature includes language that creates the Empire State Stem Cell Board for the purpose of administering the Empire State Stem Cell Trust Fund and to make grants to basic, applied, translational or other research and development activities that will advance scientific discoveries in fields related to stem cell biology.

Legislative Additions

The Legislature provides funding for the following:

PROGRAM	APPROPRIATION
MEDICAID ADDITIONAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$320,562,000
MEDICAID: REJECT CONTINUATION OF THE 0.35 PERCENT HOSPITAL ASSESSMENT	\$136,900,000
STEM CELL RESEARCH	\$100,000,000
REJECT IMPLEMENTATION OF NURSING HOME CASE MIX ADJUSTMENT	\$83,500,000
RESTORE 75 PERCENT OF THE HOSPITAL INFLATIONARY TREND FACTOR	\$68,500,000
RESTORE 75 PERCENT OF THE NURSING HOME INFLATIONARY TREND FACTOR	\$54,500,000
MEDICAID RATE INCREASE FOR UPSTATE NON-PUBLIC HOSPITALS	\$21,000,000
MEDICAID FUNDING FOR HOSPITAL LANGUAGE SERVICES	\$19,000,000
NURSING HOME QUALITY IMPROVEMENT DEMONSTRATION PROGRAM	\$17,500,000
PARTIALLY RESTORE MEDICAID PHARMACY REIMBURSEMENT	\$17,300,000
PARTIALLY RESTORE GME REIMBURSEMENT	\$16,200,000
PDP AND CDRP: REJECT THE ELIMINATION OF THE EXEMPTION FOR ANTI-DEPRESSANTS	\$13,200,000
PARTIALLY RESTORE EPIC PHARMACY REIMBURSEMENT	\$10,600,000
PDP AND CDRP: REJECT THE INCLUSION OF COST AS A FACTOR	\$8,100,000
MEDICAID: HOME CARE RATE INCREASE	\$8,000,000
EXPAND THE PRIORITY RESTORATION PROGRAM	\$6,000,000
ADD 1,500 NEW ASSISTED LIVING PROGRAM (ALP) BEDS	\$5,000,000
MEDICAID: CLINIC TRANSITION FUNDING	\$4,912,000
PALLIATIVE CARE EDUCATION AND TRAINING	\$4,600,000
HEALTH INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY	\$3,000,000
MEDICAID: INCREASE AMBULANCE RATE	\$3,000,000
MEDICAID RATE INCREASE FOR UPSTATE PUBLIC HOSPITALS	\$3,000,000

ADULT HOMES: QUIP	\$2,750,000
NURSING HOME TRANSITION AND DIVERSION WAIVER - HOUSING SUBSIDY	\$2,500,000
LONG ISLAND HOSPITAL ADJUSTMENT	\$2,500,000
NEW YORK STATE WELLNESS PROGRAM	\$2,000,000
REJECT PHYSICIAN FEE INCREASE	\$2,000,000
ADULT HOME AIR CONDITIONING	\$1,800,000
FUNDING FOR IMPROVED ACCESS TO INFERTILITY SERVICES	\$1,000,000
OUR LADY OF LOURDES MEMORIAL HOSPITAL	\$1,000,000
PDP AND CDRP: REJECT THE REDUCTION OF PUBLIC NOTICE FROM 30 TO 10 DAYS	\$1,000,000
EPIC: REJECT CHANGES TO THE PDP AND CDRP	\$1,000,000
FINGER LAKES HEALTH SYSTEMS AGENCY	\$900,000
SCHOOL BASED HEALTH CLINICS	\$675,000
FAMILY PLANNING SERVICES	\$675,000
HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES SEXUALITY RELATED PROGRAMS	\$675,000
AIDS: HIV/AIDS-COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM (CSP)	\$575,000
AIDS: HIV/AIDS-MULTI SERVICE AGENCIES (MSA)	\$575,000
THYROID CANCER SCREENING PILOT PROJECT	\$540,000
AUBURN MEMORIAL HOSPITAL	\$500,000
ACADEMIC HEALTH CENTER CONSORTIUM	\$500,000
THE AMERICAN RED CROSS IN NEW YORK	\$475,000
BRAIN TRAUMA FOUNDATION	\$400,000
ALL INCLUSIVE CARE FOR KIDS PROGRAM	\$350,000
ALZHEIMER'S COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM	\$300,000
COMMUNITY HOSPITAL NETWORK OF CENTRAL NEW YORK	\$250,000
LONG ISLAND HEALTH NETWORKS	\$250,000
CATSKILL AREA HOSPICE AND PALLIATIVE CARE	\$250,000
ALYCE HYDE MEDICAL CENTER	\$250,000
ARNOT OGDEN MEDICAL CENTER	\$250,000
NORTH COUNTRY CHILDREN'S CLINIC	\$200,000
ST. CAMILLUS HEALTH AND REHABILITATION CENTER	\$200,000
CANTON-POTSDAM HOSPITAL	\$200,000
COMMUNITY GENERAL HOSPITAL OF GREATER SYRACUSE	\$200,000
CORTLAND REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER	\$200,000
ADULT HOME SUPPLEMENTAL SECURITY INCOME ADEQUACY STUDY	\$200,000
STUDY OF UNIVERSAL HEALTH CARE SYSTEMS	\$200,000
BENEDICTINE HOSPITAL-KINGSTON	\$175,000
KINGSTON HOSPITAL	\$175,000
STATEWIDE OVARIAN CANCER HOTLINE	\$160,000
ELLENVILLE REGIONAL HOSPITAL	\$150,000
NORTH COUNTY HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS EDUCATIONAL AND RESEARCH FUND	\$150,000
PERINATAL CARE NETWORKS	\$125,000
ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE ASSISTANCE CENTERS (ADAC)	\$100,000
STATEWIDE ARTHRITIS FOUNDATION	\$100,000
ST. ELIZABETH MEDICAL CENTER	\$100,000
HEALTH BASED LITERACY PROGRAM	\$100,000
SERVICES FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH ALS	\$100,000
BREAST CANCER - SUPPORT AND EDUCATION SERVICES	\$50,000
HUNTINGTON'S DISEASE CENTERS	\$50,000
AIDS: NEW YORK AIDS COALITION - ADDITIONAL FUNDING	\$25,000

MEDICAID INSPECTOR GENERAL, OFFICE OF THE

	Adjusted Appropriation 2006-07	Executive Request 2007-08	Legislative Appropriation 2007-08	Change
STATE OPERATIONS				
General Fund	29,631,000	32,052,000	32,052,000	0
Special Revenue-Other	8,200,000	5,257,000	5,257,000	0
Special Revenue-Federal	58,265,000	60,686,000	60,686,000	0
Total for STATE OPERATIONS	96,096,000	97,995,000	97,995,000	0

LEGISLATIVE ACTION

The Legislature concurs with the Executive's recommendation.

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The Legislature adds language to:

- establish the New York State False Claims Act;
- authorize the Office of Medicaid Inspector General to access Workers' Compensation records;
- authorize the Department of Health and the Office of Medicaid Inspector General to receive wage reporting data from the Department of Taxation and Finance;
- authorize the Office of Medicaid Inspector General to access vital records information;
- specify that any plan filed under the Providers' Compliance Program address Medicaid risk areas and compliance issues; and
- increase penalties for Medicaid providers who engage in fraudulent activity.

DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HYGIENE

	Adjusted Appropriation 2006-07	Executive Request 2007-08	Legislative Appropriation 2007-08	Change
STATE OPERATIONS				
General Fund	(150,000,000)	(150,000,000)	(150,000,000)	0
Special Revenue-Other	150,000,000	150,000,000	150,000,000	0

LEGISLATIVE ACTION

The Legislature concurs with the Executive's recommendations.

OFFICE OF ALCOHOLISM AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES

	Adjusted Appropriation 2006-07	Executive Request 2007-08	Legislative Appropriation 2007-08	Change
STATE OPERATIONS				
General Fund	53,021,000	60,543,000	60,543,000	0
Special Revenue-Other	22,832,000	22,832,000	22,832,000	0
Special Revenue-Federal	6,359,000	6,445,000	6,445,000	0
Total for STATE OPERATIONS	82,212,000	89,820,000	89,820,000	0
AID TO LOCALITIES				
General Fund	292,230,000	325,157,000	330,907,000	5,750,000
Special Revenue-Other	8,040,000	8,040,000	8,040,000	0
Special Revenue-Federal	136,404,000	135,468,000	135,468,000	0
Total for Agency	436,674,000	468,665,000	474,415,000	5,750,000
Grants In Aid	0	0	1,084,000	1,084,000
Total for AID TO LOCALITIES	436,674,000	468,665,000	475,499,000	6,834,000
CAPITAL PROJECTS				
Capital Projects Fund	9,730,000	11,260,000	11,260,000	0
Mental Hygiene Capital Improvement Fund-389	67,686,000	108,346,000	108,346,000	0
Total for CAPITAL PROJECTS	77,416,000	119,606,000	119,606,000	0

LEGISLATIVE ACTION

The Legislature provides \$ 683,841,000 on an All Funds basis, an increase of \$5,750,000 over the Executive Budget recommendation. A further \$1,084,000 is provided for additional programs.

Legislative Changes

In the Community Treatment Services Program, the Legislature appropriates \$1,875,000 for support of demonstration projects to reimburse chemical dependence services to persons mandated into treatment by drug courts, the Division of Parole, Alternatives to Incarceration programs, or other similar programs. The Legislature provides \$1,875,000 to support demonstration projects to provide chemical dependence treatment services to persons under the age of 18 who have no private insurance coverage for substance abuse treatment, have exhausted such coverage, or are not eligible for the medical assistance program. The Legislature also appropriates \$700,000 for compulsive gambling treatment and prevention programs in communities with gambling casinos.

The Legislature provides support to several local chemical dependence treatment and prevention programs including:

- \$350,000 to YES Safe Choices for Kids/ Lourdes Hospital;
- \$275,000 to the Western New York Alcohol and Substance Abuse Treatment Program;
- \$175,000 to North Country Behavioral Network, Inc.;
- \$150,000 to the Cattaraugus County Compulsive Gambling Treatment Program; and,
- \$50,000 to the Southern Tier Prevention Program;

– \$50,000 to the Institute for Professional Development in the Addictions.

In addition, the Legislature provides \$250,000 in transitional aid to licensed providers that have converted to Section 822 regulations.

Legislative Additions

The Legislature provides funding for the following:

PROGRAM	APPROPRIATION
COMMUNITY REFERRAL TREATMENT INITIATIVE	\$1,875,000
YOUTH ENTERING TREATMENT INITIATIVE	\$1,875,000
NYS COMPULSIVE GAMBLING TREATMENT AND EDUCATION PROGRAM	\$700,000
YES' SAFE CHOICES FOR KIDS	\$350,000
WESTERN NEW YORK ALCOHOL AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT PROGRAMS	\$275,000
TRANSITIONAL SUPPORT RELATED TO 822 REGULATIONS	\$250,000
NORTH COUNTRY PREVENTION PROGRAM	\$175,000
NY SOUTHERN TIER PREVENTION PROGRAM	\$150,000
CATTARUGUS COUNTY COMPLUSIVE GAMBLING PROGRAM	\$50,000
INSTITUTE FOR PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE ADDICTIONS	\$50,000

OFFICE OF MENTAL HEALTH

	Adjusted Appropriation 2006-07	Executive Request 2007-08	Legislative Appropriation 2007-08	Change
STATE OPERATIONS				
General Fund	772,557,000	764,555,000	754,655,000	(9,900,000)
Special Revenue-Other	518,476,000	573,867,000	573,867,000	0
Special Revenue-Federal	1,358,000	1,358,000	1,358,000	0
Internal Service Fund	2,509,000	2,620,000	2,620,000	0
Enterprise	8,349,000	8,514,000	8,514,000	0
Total for STATE OPERATIONS	1,303,249,000	1,350,914,000	1,341,014,000	(9,900,000)
AID TO LOCALITIES				
General Fund	858,598,000	950,903,000	955,733,000	4,830,000
Special Revenue-Other	80,285,000	80,285,000	80,285,000	0
Special Revenue-Federal	40,498,000	37,834,000	37,834,000	0
Total for Agency	979,381,000	1,069,022,000	1,073,852,000	4,830,000
Grants In Aid	0	0	1,049,000	1,049,000
Total for AID TO LOCALITIES	979,381,000	1,069,022,000	1,074,901,000	5,879,000
CAPITAL PROJECTS				
Capital Projects Fund	47,010,000	42,010,000	42,010,000	0
Mental Hygiene Capital Improvement Fund-389	437,275,000	603,042,000	603,042,000	0
Capital Projects - 338	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	0
Total for CAPITAL PROJECTS	485,285,000	646,052,000	646,052,000	0

LEGISLATIVE ACTION

The Legislature provides \$3,060,918,000 on an All Funds basis, a decrease of \$5,070,000 from the Executive Budget recommendation. A further \$1,049,000 is provided for additional programs.

Legislative Reductions

The Legislature approves the Executive's transfer of \$12,800,000 from the Office of Mental Health to the Division of Criminal Justice, Division of Parole, Department of Corrections, Department of Law and Office of Court Administration for services and expenses related to implementation of the Sex Offender Management and Treatment Act, Chapter 7 of the Laws of 2007, enacted subsequent to the release of the 2007-08 Executive Budget.

Legislative Changes

In the Adult Services Program, the Legislature provides \$1,000,000 for services and expenses to support a public awareness and education campaign, specifically focused on suicide prevention among young Latina and elderly Asian women. The Legislature also provides \$850,000 for grants to community-based organizations providing support to parents with psychiatric disabilities. The Legislature appropriates \$600,000 for an Upstate Supported Housing Stipend increase. In addition, the Legislature provides \$500,000 to assist community-based providers with renovations,

transportation enhancements and/or other improvements to their facilities. The Legislature also provides support for various community mental health programs including: \$150,000 for the Mental Health Association in Rockland County; \$80,000 for the Mental Health Association in Orange County; \$300,000 for Relief Resources; \$200,000 for Hospital Audiences; \$200,000 for Farm Net; and \$100,000 for Occupations, Inc. The Legislature also provides \$500,000 for services and expenses in support of the New York University Child Study.

In the Children and Youth Services Program, the Legislature provides \$350,000 for services and expenses related to an increase in the medical assistance reimbursement rate for children’s day treatment providers.

In the Research in Mental Illness Program, the Legislature provides \$400,000 for services and expenses associated with the Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) facility at the New York State Psychiatric Institute. The Legislature also provides \$500,000 for five additional research scientist positions at the Nathan Kline Institute for Psychiatric Research. In addition, the Legislature appropriates \$2,000,000 for two programs in culturally and linguistically competent mental health, operated collaboratively with the New York Psychiatric Institute and Nathan Kline Institute for Psychiatric Research.

Article VII

The Legislature approves legislation creating two programs promoting culturally and linguistically competent mental health services. The programs would be operated collaboratively with the New York State Psychiatric Institute, Nathan Kline Institute for Psychiatric Research, academia, mental health care providers, communities interested in the mentally ill and other interested private and public sector parties. The programs, in consultation with the Office of Mental Health Multicultural Advisory Committee, are required to provide a biannual report to the Commissioner of Mental Health on best practices for delivery of culturally and linguistically competent mental health services to underserved populations.

Legislative Additions

The Legislature provides funding for the following:

PROGRAM	APPROPRIATION
CULTURAL COMPETENCY	\$2,000,000
SUICIDE PREVENTION	\$1,000,000
SUPPORTING PARENTS WITH PSYCHIATRIC DISABILITIES	\$850,000
UPSTATE SUPPORTED HOUSING PROVIDERS' STIPEND INCREASE	\$600,000
AID TO COMMUNITY RECOVERY SERVICE PROVIDERS	\$500,000
NEW YORK UNIVERSITY CHILD STUDY	\$500,000
NATHAN KLINE INSTITUTE FOR PSYCHIATRIC RESEARCH	\$500,000
NEW YORK PSYCHIATRIC INSTITUTE	\$400,000
CHILDREN'S DAY TREATMENT ENHANCED MEDICAID PAYMENTS	\$350,000
RELIEF RESOURCES, INC.	\$300,000
HOSPITAL AUDIENCES, INC.	\$200,000
FARM NET	\$200,000
MENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION IN ROCKLAND COUNTY	\$150,000
OCCUPATIONS, INC.	\$100,000
MENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION IN ORANGE COUNTY	\$80,000

OFFICE OF MENTAL RETARDATION AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

	Adjusted Appropriation 2006-07	Executive Request 2007-08	Legislative Appropriation 2007-08	Change
STATE OPERATIONS				
General Fund	530,123,000	472,028,000	472,028,000	0
Special Revenue-Other	921,319,000	986,804,000	986,804,000	0
Special Revenue-Federal	280,000	3,495,000	3,495,000	0
Internal Service Fund	150,000	350,000	350,000	0
Enterprise	2,374,000	2,406,000	2,406,000	0
Total for STATE OPERATIONS	1,454,246,000	1,465,083,000	1,465,083,000	0
AID TO LOCALITIES				
General Fund	534,189,000	662,413,000	663,933,000	1,520,000
Special Revenue-Other	1,289,410,000	1,405,338,000	1,405,338,000	0
Total for Agency	1,823,599,000	2,067,751,000	2,069,271,000	1,520,000
Grants In Aid	0	0	2,987,500	2,987,500
Total for AID TO LOCALITIES	1,823,599,000	2,067,751,000	2,072,258,500	4,507,500
CAPITAL PROJECTS				
Capital Projects Fund	58,235,000	61,515,000	61,515,000	0
Mental Hygiene Capital Improvement Fund-389	89,365,000	76,840,000	76,840,000	0
Total for CAPITAL PROJECTS	147,600,000	138,355,000	138,355,000	0

LEGISLATIVE ACTION

The Legislature provides \$3,672,709,000 on an All Funds basis, an increase of \$1,520,000 over the Executive Budget recommendation. A further \$2,987,500 is provided for additional programs.

Legislative Changes

In the Community Services Program, the Legislature appropriates \$320,000 for support of services provided by Families and Children Services of the Capital Region, Inc; \$300,000 for Camp Ann; \$200,000 for the Warren County Office of Community Services; \$200,000 for the Epilepsy Foundation of Southern New York; \$150,000 to the Cerebral Palsy Association of New York State for the Jened Recreational Village Program; \$100,000 for the Cody Center for Autism and Developmental Disabilities; and \$50,000 for the Epilepsy Foundation of Western New York.

The Legislature also provides support to several Local Respite Programs, including: \$10,000 for the Broome County Developmental Disability Service Office; \$100,000 for the Broome-Tioga ARC; \$35,000 for the Chenango County ARC; \$25,000 for the Epilepsy Foundation of Rochester, Syracuse and Binghamton; and \$30,000 for Handicapped Children's Association of the Capital Region, Inc.

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The Legislature approves proposed legislation to reduce from six percent to five and one-half percent the assessment imposed on Intermediate Care Facilities licensed by the Office of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities (OMRDD).

The Legislature also approves legislation establishing a Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities Services Quality Improvement Program.

In addition, the Legislature approves legislation to require the Commissioners of the Department of Health and OMRDD to clarify and to establish guidelines regarding the reimbursement of licensed social workers in facilities licensed pursuant to Article 16 of the Mental Hygiene Law.

Legislative Additions

The Legislature provides funding for the following:

PROGRAM	APPROPRIATION
FAMILIES AND CHILDREN SERVICES OF CAPITAL REGION	\$320,000
CAMP ANN	\$300,000
EPILEPSY FOUNDATION OF SOUTHERN NY	\$200,000
WARREN COUNTY OFFICE OF COMMUNITY SERVICES	\$200,000
CEREBRAL PALSY ASSOCIATIONS OF NYS-JENED RECREATIONAL VILLAGE	\$150,000
CODY CENTER FOR AUTISM AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES	\$100,000
BROOME-TIAGO ARC	\$100,000
EPILEPSY FOUNDATION OF WESTERN NEW YORK	\$50,000
CHENANGO COUNTY ARC	\$35,000
HANDICAPPED CHILDREN'S ASSOCIATION OF SOUTHERN NEW YORK	\$30,000
EPILEPSY FOUNDATION OF ROCHESTER, SYRACUSE AND BINGHAMTON	\$25,000
BROOME COUNTY DEVELOPMENT DISABILITIES SERVICE OFFICE	\$10,000

COMMISSION ON QUALITY OF CARE AND ADVOCACY FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

	Adjusted Appropriation 2006-07	Executive Request 2007-08	Legislative Appropriation 2007-08	Change
STATE OPERATIONS				
General Fund	4,156,000	4,316,000	4,316,000	0
Special Revenue-Other	3,859,000	3,775,000	3,775,000	0
Special Revenue-Federal	7,625,000	6,990,000	6,990,000	0
Enterprise	45,000	45,000	45,000	0
Total for STATE OPERATIONS	15,685,000	15,126,000	15,126,000	0
AID TO LOCALITIES				
General Fund	293,000	293,000	293,000	0
Special Revenue-Other	418,000	418,000	418,000	0
Total for AID TO LOCALITIES	711,000	711,000	711,000	0

LEGISLATIVE ACTION

The Legislature concurs with the Executive's recommendation.