



ACTION ALERT

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 A non-profit tax-exempt organization representing New York City's community-based mental health sector.

COLA - Into the Homestretch!

Assembly includes COLA/trended increase
 Senate not yet swayed

The Assembly's inclusion of a COLA/trended increase in its one-house budget is a partial success. *A budget agreement will require BOTH the Assembly and Senate to support a COLA/trended increase.*

Therefore, we must target again Senate Republicans to support a COLA/trended increase. Please contact these Republicans by FAX, phone, write or e-mail. A sample letter is attached.

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Dear Senator _____:

I am a community mental health [provider/worker/consumer/friend]. I am appealing to you to support a COLA/trended increase for mental health and other voluntary human service workers.

The voluntary human service sector worker is on the front line of New York State's safety net for its poor and vulnerable citizens. They have returned New York's faith in them with compassion and dedication over the lean years. In this time of budget surplus, they deserve to share in it.

I trust that the Senate budget proposal will help to improve the quality of services and lives for the consumers, families and providers in the mental health and other human service sectors.

I am counting on you and your Senate and Assembly colleagues to join in a bi-partisan effort that will bring about this much deserved increase.

Thank you for your support.

Very truly yours,
