



ACTION ALERT

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

COLA - DEPENDS ON YOU!

We have done a good job of making our issue heard throughout the legislature. We have every indication that Assembly members are giving high consideration to our issue as they begin drafting their one-house budget bill this week.

- ***However, anything can happen between now and March 12. We need to continue shoring up the leadership of the Assembly. This week we must direct aggressive efforts toward the Assembly Speaker, Sheldon Silver.***

Please contact your Board and staff members - get them to write, fax, call or e-mail Speaker Silver's office and thank him for his past support. Remind him that his continued leadership is crucial for COLA and trended rate increases. A sample letter is enclosed.

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Sample Letter

Speaker Sheldon Silver
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Dear Speaker Silver:

I am writing to you to urge your continued support of human service workers. Your past leadership has always been helpful to the non-profit sector and its workers who care for New York's sickest, poorest and most vulnerable citizens. This year we are battling for a well-deserved cost of living allowance.

In the years when government budgets were problematic and in deficit, human service workers sacrificed and continued to deliver compassionate and high quality care. New York State is currently enjoying its second year of budget surplus. Simple fairness dictates that these workers be rewarded with a modest increase.

We thank you for your continued support and leadership on this issue.

Very truly yours,
