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BREAKING NEWS ABOUT COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH IN NEW YORK

Rate increase for non-contract agencies, not COPS clinics

In the March 19, 1999 issue of Coalition Briefs (*Assembly resolution includes inflation adjustment*) we erroneously reported that the Assembly budget resolution contained a \$2 per visit increase to the clinic visit rate for COPS providers. The rate increase of \$2 per visit is earmarked for non-contract agencies, not COPS providers. The language in the Department of Health budget resolution (see below) is slightly obtuse, but we are assured by Assemblyman Brennan's staff that the language refers to non-contract providers.

“The Assembly further provides funding for a \$2 a visit rate increase for certain community providers offering comprehensive outpatient services to the mentally ill, as well as an inflation adjustment for certain clinics serving the developmentally disabled, consistent with inflation adjustments in State Aid proposed for other mental hygiene community providers.”

We apologize for this error and hope that it has not caused any inconvenience or confusion. ▣