

Another way to help is as easy as making a two-minute phone call!

New York's nursing homes, including The Friendly Home, are in a precarious financial condition. According to New York State Department of Health calculations, it is estimated that the proposed 2010-2011 state budget presented by Governor Paterson will result in a Medicaid revenue loss of between \$200,000 and \$300,000 to The Friendly Home.

In addition to sending a letter, please take just a few moments to call our state Senators and Assembly Members and urge them to reject the proposed budget cuts to nursing homes. It is crucial that you join the fight for a budget that preserves access to the quality care The Friendly Home provides and elderly New Yorkers deserve!

It's easy and quick:

1. Call the Senator and Assembly Member representing The Friendly Home and/or where you reside and ask to speak to the legislator. *(If you don't know who your legislators are, please visit the websites listed on the other side of this page where you can search by your home zip code. There is also a list of area representatives available at the Advocacy Center.)*
2. If the legislator is unavailable, tell the staff person you're calling regarding the state budget. Let them know you are a constituent, an employee, a volunteer, a caregiver or family member or friend of a constituent.
3. Use the phone script provided as a guide and ask for your Senator's and Assembly Member's support!

Phone Script—Proposed Budget Cuts for Nursing Homes

1. Introduction

Hello, this is (Name), a constituent in your district. May I please speak with (Name of Representative)?

- *If the legislator is not available, ask to speak to whoever handles legislation or leave a message.*

2. Issue

My name is (Name) and I am calling to ask you to reject Medicaid cuts aimed at nursing home residents in the proposed state budget. The best way forward is a moratorium on cuts to Medicaid rates for long-term care providers so that the elder care field may become stabilized and improved to create a fiscally sound future while maintaining quality care.

3. Closing

We need you to do everything you can to fight proposed nursing home funding cuts.

Thank you for your support and consideration!

Friendly Home Legislators

Senator Joseph E. Robach

(585) 225-3650

Assemblyman Joseph D. Morelle

(585) 467-0410

If you don't know who your legislators are, please visit these websites where you can search by your home zip code:

NYS Senate: <http://www.senate.state.ny.us/senatehomepage.nsf/senators?OpenForm>

NYS Assembly: <http://assembly.state.ny.us/mem/>