

2010-2011 New York State Proposed Budget

If you would like to make a more personalized appeal to our elected representatives, we encourage you to compose your own letter or e-mail. Below are some key points of the proposed budget which may be helpful. Feel free to share your own experiences with The Friendly Home's care and services as well.

- According to New York State Department of Health calculations, it is estimated that the Governor's proposed budget will result in a Medicaid revenue loss of between \$200,000 and \$300,000.
- Please reject any further cuts to Medicaid payments to nursing homes.
- The elder care field needs time to work with the state to reshape services and create a fiscally sound future while maintaining quality care.
- The Home's Medicaid rates have been grossly insufficient for many years, reimbursing only 62 cents for each dollar of cost to provide care in 2009.
- The Friendly Home has worked to become more efficient: diversifying programs, enhancing Medicare revenue, embracing technology, and maximizing staff productivity while providing quality care.
- While we know that New York State continues to face financial hardship, health care services for our frail elderly have given up more than their fair share. There is simply no more to give.

Thank you for your support! Last year, nearly 1,300 letters were sent to state legislators by Friendly Home staff, Members, families and volunteers, as well as Linden Knoll and Cloverwood residents. Your letters and phone calls truly MAKE A DIFFERENCE.