

**A RESOLUTION TO BE SUBMITTED
BY LEGISLATOR LORIGO**

Re: Opposition to Proposed Budget Funding Cuts and Changes to the New York State Consumer Directed Personal Assistance Program

WHEREAS, Consumer Directed Personal Assistance Program (CDPAP) is a Medicaid program that provides personalized services to chronically ill, physically disabled individuals, those with developmental disabilities, and seniors, who have a medical need for help with activities of daily living or skilled nursing services; and

WHEREAS, provided services can include any of the services provided by a personal care aide, home health aide, or nurse, and where people in need of care can select their own aides, and manage their aides' schedules, hours and pay, frequently hiring family members or friends to can act as caregivers, instead of a company hiring a stranger; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Executive Budget would cut \$75 million from the program and be devastating to those who rely on these services and those who deliver the services; and

WHEREAS, the state would also severely limit the number of businesses that do all the back-office work to implement the program, for example, payroll, tax paperwork, benefit administration, and workers compensation for people who use CDPAP, without access to these agencies, called Fiscal Intermediaries, the program would be unworkable; and

WHEREAS, because there would be changes to New York's CDPAP law, which gets federal Medicaid funding, the federal government would have to approve any replacement program; and

WHEREAS, the current CDPAP program emphasizes patient choice and personalized care, and is an important part of New York State's compliance with the Olmstead Act, which is a 1999 United States Supreme Court decision requiring states to provide services to individuals with disabilities in the most integrated setting appropriate to their needs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, this Honorable Body is in opposition to proposed funding cuts and program changes to the Consumer Directed Personal Assistance Program; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be sent to the Western New York delegation of the NYS Senate and Assembly, Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins, Assembly Speaker Carl Heastie, and any other party deemed necessary and proper.

Fiscal Impact: None for this resolution