

2011-2012 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 the New York State Association of Homes & Services for the Aging (NYAHS), it is estimated that the Governor's **proposed budget will result in a Medicaid revenue loss of \$786,000 to The Friendly Home.**
- 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. In fact, 1/3 of The Friendly Home's costs are **not** reimbursed in our current Medicaid rate.
- 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.

Over the past several years, thousands of letters have been 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.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!