

NYSNA FY2026-2027 Budget Priorities

1. Provide health coverage for all New Yorkers

- **Tax corporations and the ultra-wealthy and corporations to support healthcare and other vital services –** NYSNA supports the proposals from the Assembly and the Senate to raise new revenues to keep all currently insured New Yorkers covered and keep safety-net hospitals open for care.
- **Use state reserves as necessary to respond to federal cuts and preserve vital services –** The State has accumulated reserves in excess of \$30 billion – Some of these reserves should be used this year to respond to federal cuts to healthcare and other essential services.
- **Begin the process of transitioning to a single payer system – pass the New York Health Act (A1466/S3425) –** New York should begin the process of analyzing and planning for the transition to universal single-payer coverage for all New Yorkers.

2. Keep our hospitals and safety-net providers open for care – Enact the proposed **Healthcare Stability Fund (HMH Art. VII Part O)** with increased funding as proposed by the Assembly and Senate, restore cuts to VAPAP and other funding lines, and target the funding to safety-net providers that most need the support.

3. Protect Patient Safety and Nursing Practice Standards

- **Reject HMH Art. VII Part N Sub-Part A** authorizing unlicensed medical assistants to administer vaccinations in out-patient physicians' offices.
- **Reject HMH Art. VII Part N Sub-Part B** allowing unlicensed medication aides to administer medications in nursing homes.
- **Extend the Nurse Practitioner Modernization Act (HMH Art. VII Part B, Section 17)** and make it permanent as proposed by the Senate.
- **Reject the improper and unnecessary expansion of paramedicine demonstration projects (HMH Art. VII Part K, Sections 1-5)** which allow non-nurses to engage in nursing roles without restriction and threaten patient safety.
- **Reject the proposal to codify acute care Hospital-at-Home programs in state law (HMH Art. VII, Part K, Section 6) –** HaH programs are unsafe for patients, foster racial and class inequities in care, and will undermine nursing practice and the direct care workforce.

4. Protect the nursing workforce

- **Enact HMH Art. VII Part J to regulate temporary staffing agencies –** Enact the Executive proposal to increase oversight and cap temporary agency charges and profits.
- **Enact HMH Art. VII Part H to regulate takeovers of healthcare by for-profits and private equity –** Protect the direct care workforce and patient care from predatory acquisition or control of healthcare providers, market concentration and consolidation, and profiteering.
- **Restore proposed cuts in funding for nurse recruitment and retention –** Restore proposed cuts and increase funding for education, tuition support, and loan forgiveness programs, proposed by the Assembly and Senate.
- **Increase funding for DOH enforcement of the hospital staffing law –** Safe staffing saves lives and addresses the staffing crisis by improving working conditions and reducing RN turnover.
- **Fix Tier 6 to improve recruitment and retention of RNs in public sector hospitals.**
- **Enact the Recovery Ready Workplace proposal from the Senate (HMH Art. VII, Part CC)** to keep nurses working at the bedside.