

Inter-County Association of Western New York

Representing the Counties of Allegany, Cattaraugus, Cayuga, Chautauqua, Chemung, Erie, Genesee, Livingston, Monroe, Niagara, Ontario, Orleans, Schuyler, Seneca, Steuben, Tompkins, Wayne, Wyoming, and Yates.

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-17-IC

SUPPORTING NEW YORK STATE ASSEMBLY BILL A.4272, AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOCIAL SERVICES LAW, IN RELATION TO INCREASING THE PERSONAL NEEDS ALLOWANCE FOR RESIDENTS OF CERTAIN RESIDENTIAL HEALTH CARE FACILITIES

Sponsored By: Chemung

Moved By: Thomas Sweet (Chemung)

Seconded By: Hilda Lando (Steuben)

WHEREAS, the Personal Needs Allowance (“PNA”) for individuals living in residential health care facilities has not been increased since the early 1980’s, which has significantly diminished the value of this critical resource that many health care facility residents depend on to purchase basic necessities such as clothes, underwear and toiletries; and

WHEREAS, with the PNA failing to keep up with the rate of inflation, it has been increasingly difficult for nursing home residents to purchase these items; and

WHEREAS, increasing the PNA from \$50 to \$100 will provide these individuals with more financial freedom and dignity to be able to afford these basic yet important goods; and

WHEREAS, Assemblyman Palmesano and others in the New York State Assembly have introduced A.4272, a bill that would provide an increase in the personal needs allowance of a resident of a residential health care facility from \$50 per month to \$100 per month; and

WHEREAS, Inter-County Association of Western New York support the aforementioned Bill in the New York State Assembly; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that Inter-County Association of Western New York urge the New York State Assembly to approve Assembly Bill A.4272 and a concurrent resolution of the New York State Senate in relation to increasing personal needs allowances as more particularly described in the Preamble to this Resolution; and, be it further

RESOLVED, the Secretary of the Inter-County Association of Western New York hereby is authorized and directed to forward a copy of this resolution electronically to Governor Kathy Hochul, Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins, Speaker, NYS Assembly, Carl E. Heastie, Senator George Borrello, Assemblyman Stephen Hawley, Senator Thomas F. O’Mara, Assemblyman Philip Palmesano, Assemblyman Christopher Friend, the New York State Association of Counties, and the Inter-County Association of Western New York.

This is to certify that I, the undersigned, Secretary of the Inter-County Association of Western New York, have compared the foregoing copy of resolution with the original resolution now on file in this office and which was duly adopted by the Association at a session held on the 12th day of May 2023 and that the same is a true copy of said original and of the whole thereof. In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed the official seal of the Inter-County Association of Western New York dated May 12, 2023.


Lisa K. Casey

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