

Department of Health

The Executive Budget recommends (analysis as of **January 29, 2025**):

- **A FY 2025-26 workforce of 6,217, an increase of 8 FTEs** from the 2024-25 Budget.
- The Department of Health (DOH) anticipates the loss of 842 positions through attrition and expects 850 new fills.

The following chart identifies estimated FTEs level by program:

Program	FY 2025 Est. FTEs 3/31/25	FY 2026 Est. FTEs 3/31/26	FTE Change
Administration	1,471	1,478	7
Essential Plan	6	6	0
Child Health Insurance	14	14	0
Center for Community Health	493	493	0
Elderly Pharmaceutical Insurance Coverage	8	8	0
Center for Environmental Health	256	256	0
Office of Health Insurance Programs	4	4	0
Office of Primary Care & Health Systems Mgmt	410	411	1
Institution Management	1,523	1,523	0
Wadsworth Center for Laboratories & Research	216	216	0
Medical Assistance Administration	1,724	1,724	0
Health Care Reform Act Program	10	10	0
New York State of Health	74	74	0
Total:	6,209	6,217	8

- **A State Operations** All Funds appropriation of **\$3,755,811,000, an increase of \$701,056,000 (22.9%)** from the enacted appropriation for the previous FY.
- The total appropriation for Personal Services is **\$697,373,000, an increase of \$36,028,000 (-5.4%)** from the enacted appropriation for the previous FY.
- The agency employed an estimated **1,460 contract employees** under consultant contracts in the previous FY at a cost **\$127,365,082**. They expect the number of consultant contract employees to **decrease to 1,347 at a cost of \$123,935,966 (-2.7) in FY 2025-26**.
- **Major Budget initiatives include the following:**
 - **Continuing the State Takeover of Local Medicaid Costs:** In FY 2026, the State will assume nearly \$8.3 billion in costs that would have otherwise been incurred by localities. This relief package to localities continues to grow by billions of dollars annually. Since 2015, the counties have saved \$53.6 billion due to the local takeover.

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- **Implement the Groundbreaking Medicaid 1115 Waiver Amendment:** The Executive Budget continues to implement the groundbreaking amendment to New York’s Medicaid Section 1115 Demonstration, which allows the State to make investments in critical Medicaid initiatives that will improve health equity and strengthen efforts to build a health care system that benefits all New Yorkers. The demonstration bundles a comprehensive series of actions to advance health equity, reduce health disparities, and improve access to primary and behavioral health care across the State, and will be supported through \$7.5 billion in funding over the next three years.
- **Nutrition Program Funding:** The Budget continues record-level investments for the Hunger Prevention and Nutrition Assistance Program (HPNAP) (\$23.3 million) and Nourish NY Program (\$5 million), maintaining their funding at the same levels as the previous fiscal year.
- **Ensuring Access to Emergency Medical Services.** The Budget will invest \$5.6 million directly to counties to develop their individual EMS plans with oversight under the Statewide EMS task force. The budget also includes legislation defining EMS as an essential service and requiring counties to ensure all residents have adequate access to these services.