



**NEW YORK STATE LEGISLATURE
2026 JOINT BUDGET HEARING
February 10, 2026 – 9:30 AM**

HEALTH

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| 1. New York State Department of Health | James V. McDonald, M.D., M.P.H.
Commissioner |
| 2. New York State Department of Health | Amir Bassiri
Medicaid Director |
| 3. New York State Department of Financial Services | Kaitlin Asrow
Acting Superintendent |
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Panel A:

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| 4. Healthcare Association of NYS (HANYS) | Bea Grause, RN, JD
President |
| 5. Greater New York Hospital Association (GNYHA) | Elizabeth Wynn
Executive Vice President of
Health Economics & Finance |
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Panel B:

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| 6. 1199SEIU | Helen Schaub
Political Director |
| 7. 32BJ Benefit Funds | Misha Sharp
Assistant Director of Policy |
| 8. New York State Nurses Association (NYSNA) | Leon Bell
Director of Public Policy |

Panel C:

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| 9. Primary Care Development Corporation | Aamir Mansoor
Director of Policy |
| 10. Health Care For All New York | Mia Wagner
Director of Health Policy |
| 11. New York Health Plan Association | Eric Linzer
President & CEO |
| 12. Medicaid Matters New York | Lara Kassel
Coalition Coordinator |
| 13. Alzheimer's Association | Bill Gustafson
NYS Director of Government
Relations |

Panel D:

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| 14. Empire Center for Public Policy | Bill Hammond
Senior Fellow |
| 15. LeadingAge New York | Sebrina Barrett
President & CEO |
| 16. NYS Association of County Health Officials | Heidi Bond
President |
| 17. New York Health Foundation | David Sandman
President & CEO |
| 18. Community Health Care Association of
New York State (CHCANYS) | Rose Duhan
President & CEO |

Panel E:

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| 19. Medical Society of the State of New York | David Jakubowicz, MD
President |
| 20. Associated Medical Schools of New York | Jonathan Teyan
President & CEO |

21. American Academy of Pediatrics	Jeff Kaczorowski, MD NYS Chair and Leader
22. Medical Indemnity Fund Parent	Cameron Brown
23. Medical Indemnity Fund Parent	Denise Olivo

Panel F:

24. Council of Autism Service Providers	Mariel Fernandez, M.S. BCBA LBA
25. The Alliance of TBI & NHTD Waiver Providers, Inc.	Traci Allen Executive Director

Panel G:

26. NYS Health Facilities Association (NYSHFA)	Tarah Quinlan Senior Director
27. Empire State Association of Assisted Living	Chris Vitale Legislative Coordinator
28. New York Caring Majority	Ilana Berger Director
29. Home Care Association of New York State	Al Cardillo President & CEO

Panel H:

30. The Alliance for a Hunger Free New York	Natash Pernicka Executive Director
31. Feeding New York State	Kathleen Stress Executive Director
32. City Harvest	Jerome Nathaniel Director, Policy & Government Relations

Panel I:

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| 33. American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network
(ACS CAN) | Michael Davoli
Senior Government Relations
Director |
| 34. Hospice and Palliative Care Association of NYS | Jeanne M. Chirico
President & CEO |
| 35. Housing Works | Virginia Shubert
Co-Founder & Senior
Advisor, Policy & Research |
| 36. Community Pharmacy Association of NYS | Michael Duteau
President |

Panel J:

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| 37. University of Pennsylvania | Victor Roy, MD PhD
Assistant Professor |
| 38. New York University School of Law | Christopher J. Morten
Associate Professor of Law |
| 39. T1International #insulin4all | Max Goldberg
New York Chapter Leader |