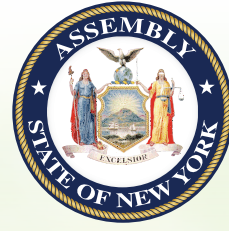


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An update from the office of
Assemblymember Monica Wallace
on health care and fighting the
opioid epidemic



Assemblymember Monica Wallace on how this year's state budget protects your health



Combating the opioid crisis

- ✓ Increases funding by \$43 million, for a total of \$213 million, to expand treatment options for those struggling with substance abuse
- ✓ Provides funding for community coalitions, peer supports, recovery programs and family support navigators to keep more people on the road to recovery



Increasing access to affordable health care

- ✓ Restores \$78.8 million to stop cuts to Medicaid and \$37.6 million to protect public health programs
- ✓ Safeguards prescriber prevails, giving patients and doctors the final say over medication
- ✓ Rejects copayment and premium increases to help keep care affordable

Supporting direct care workers

- ✓ Provides direct care workers with a wage increase to ensure they can continue caring for our loved ones with illnesses and special needs

Looking out for seniors

- ✓ Includes \$13.5 million for long-term care
- ✓ Preserves spousal refusal, ensuring couples don't lose their life savings if a spouse needs nursing home care

Assemblymember Wallace also sponsored a new law to help protect seniors by extending the ombudsman program for those living at home under long-term managed care (Chapter 214 of 2017).