



**ASSEMBLY STANDING COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN AND FAMILIES
ASSEMBLY STANDING COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL SERVICES**

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

SUBJECT: Administrative Challenges in the Reimbursement System for Domestic Violence Shelters

PURPOSE: To examine the impact of administrative challenges in New York's reimbursement system for domestic violence shelters.

**Wednesday
October 15th, 2025
Assembly Hearing Room, 19th Floor
250 Broadway, New York, NY
11:00 am**

ORAL TESTIMONY WILL BE BY INVITATION ONLY

New York's domestic violence emergency shelter system was established in 1987 to provide short-term respite for victims of domestic violence and their families fleeing imminent danger. Shelters are run by non-profit organizations, which are reimbursed on a per person, per night basis through a mix of federal, state, and local funding streams, including Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), federal Title XX, and state aid. This reimbursement is intended to cover all operating costs, such as rent, utilities, staffing, insurance, and other expenses. Various administrative challenges have been reported by providers, such as bureaucratic obstacles to receiving reimbursement, social service districts denying reimbursement, and unstable revenue from fluctuating shelter occupancy. Providers have also reported that the current funding structure may create financial disincentives for shelters to downsize rooms or apartments to accommodate smaller families or single adult survivors.

The Committees seek to receive testimony from relevant stakeholders to examine the administrative challenges in New York's reimbursement system for domestic violence shelters and explore how these challenges impact the ability to provide safe, consistent accommodation for all survivors. The Committees seek to gather input, assess the scope and impact of these administrative challenges, and identify potential solutions to help improve funding processes, remove barriers, and ensure such shelters can operate sustainably.

Persons invited to present pertinent testimony to the Committees at the above hearing should complete and return the enclosed reply form by **Friday, October 10th**. It is important that the reply form be fully completed and returned so that persons may be notified in the event of emergency postponement or cancellation.

Oral testimony will be limited to five minutes' duration. In preparing the order of witnesses, the Committees will attempt to accommodate individual requests to speak at particular times in view of special circumstances. These requests should be made on the attached reply form or communicated to Committee staff as soon as possible.

Ten copies of any prepared testimony should be submitted at the hearing registration desk. The Committees would appreciate advance receipt of prepared statements.

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PUBLIC HEARING REPLY FORM

Persons invited to present testimony at the public hearing on Administrative Challenges in the Reimbursement System for Domestic Violence Shelters are requested to complete this reply form by **Friday, October 10th** and mail, email, or fax it to:

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- ☐ I plan to attend the following public hearing on the Administrative Challenges in the Reimbursement System for Domestic Violence Shelters to be conducted by the Assembly Committee on Children and Families and the Assembly Committee on Social Services on Wednesday, October 15th.
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- ☐ I will address my remarks to the following subjects:

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