

1 **NYSAC 2025 Legislative Conference**
2 **Standing Committee on Medicaid and Human Services**
3 **Resolution #3**

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5 **Resolution Urging Governor Hochul and the New York State Legislature to**
6 **Amend the Proposed Budget to Restore Funding for the FFFS Program to**
7 **the SFY 2025 Level and to Increase State Support for Code Blue by \$20**
8 **Million Above the Amount Provided in the Governor’s Proposed SFY 2026**
9 **Budget to Ensure Critical Services Can Be Provided in Code Blue Shelters**

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11 **WHEREAS**, over the last 15 years the state has devolved away from its historic and
12 constitutional responsibilities of providing social services and support for low-income
13 families and children, as demonstrated through significant reductions in state financial
14 support for these programs, thereby shifting state costs and responsibilities to counties
15 and New York City; and

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17 **WHEREAS**, the SFY 2025 adopted budget continued the trend of shifting social
18 services costs to counties and New York City by requiring additional local spending of
19 \$75 million for child welfare services within the capped Flexible Fund for Family
20 Services (FFFS) which is already underfunded; and

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22 **WHEREAS**, the SFY 2025 budget partially offset increased costs for counties with
23 temporary federal funding of \$50 million that was not continued in SFY 2026 even
24 though the need has not changed, which will force higher costs on county taxpayers on a
25 recurring basis; and

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27 **WHEREAS**, counties are pleased the SFY 2026 Proposed Budget includes \$20 million
28 to assist counties with Code Blue costs; and

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30 **WHEREAS**, these resources are welcomed, but counties are in dire need of additional
31 state support to not only cover the brick-and-mortar side of emergency shelter care but
32 to also provide state funding to support robust service delivery in these settings as well.

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34 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the New York State Association of
35 Counties (NYSAC) opposes state cost shifts to counties and New York City in critical
36 social services and requests the New York State Legislature and Governor agree to
37 restore the \$50 million in FFFS to the prior year level of \$1.104 billion using TANF
38 funds; and

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40 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, NYSAC encourages the New York State Legislature
41 and Governor to add \$20 million in additional state resources above the amount allotted
42 in the SFY 2026 budget proposal for Code Blue to support service delivery in these
43 critical settings; and

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45 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, copies of this resolution be sent to the counties of
46 New York State encouraging member counties to enact similar resolutions; and

1 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, NYSAC shall forward copies of this resolution to
2 Governor Kathy Hochul, the New York State Legislature, and all others deemed
3 necessary and proper.