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## ***Legal Aid Statement on Health-Related Issues in the FY 2023 New York State Executive Budget***

**(NEW YORK, NY) –The Legal Aid Society** released the following statement on health-related issues included in the Fiscal Year 2023 New York State Executive Budget:

“Finally, after years of advocacy, Albany just passed sweeping changes to Medicaid which will extend coverage to thousands of New Yorkers, including those over the age of 65, people with disabilities, and our undocumented neighbors age 65 and older. Simply put, these seismic changes will change lives and benefit communities in every county across New York State.

However, we are disappointed that lawmakers failed to eliminate Medicaid’s eligibility asset test for seniors and people with disabilities, only increasing the limit instead of eradicating it once and for all. Lastly, we hope that next year’s budget extends coverage for all undocumented New Yorkers, not just for those over the age of 65.

There is still much more work to do, and Legal Aid will work with lawmakers for the rest of session to improve our state’s healthcare system to serve our clients and underserved communities.”

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