

# Big picture: 2022 state advocacy

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- Executive Orders
- State Political and Legislative Landscape
- State of the State Initiatives



# Executive Orders



# Executive Orders

## Executive power under Article 2-B of the Executive Law

- Statutory and regulatory suspensions/modifications are in effect for only 30 days; may be extended

## Current Executive Orders (healthcare-related):

- **Executive Order 4.4** – *expires Jan. 30*
  - “Healthcare Staffing Shortages in the State of New York”
  - Includes workforce flexibilities (licensure reciprocity, scope of practice expansion, etc.)
  - Nursing home minimum staffing and spending requirements suspended
- **Executive Order 11.2** – *expires Feb. 15*
  - Non-essential, elective procedure suspension



# State political and legislative landscape



# 2022 NYS Legislative session calendar

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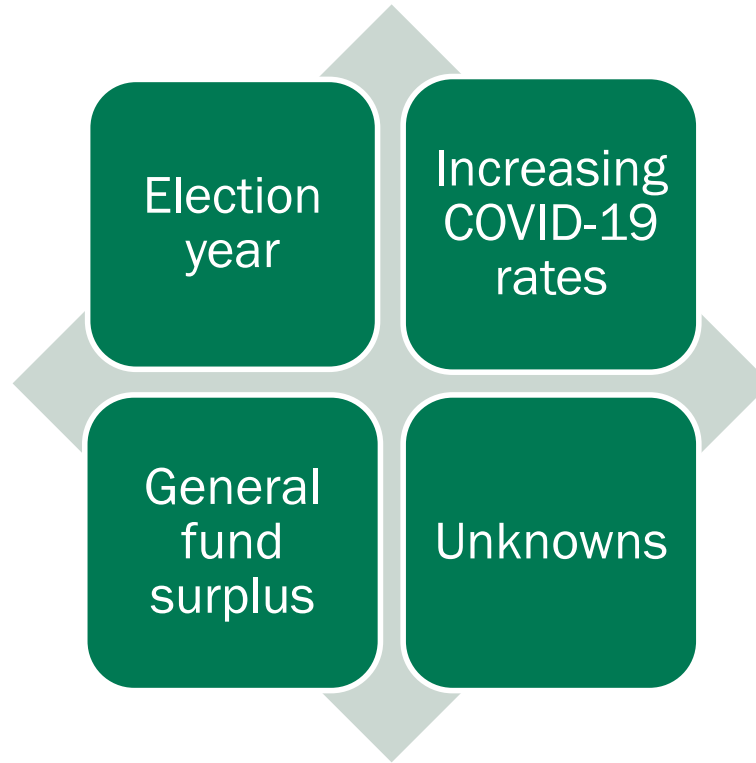
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## Key dates:

- Jan. 5 – 2022 legislative session convenes; Gov. delivers State of the State address
- Jan. 18 – Final day for submission of executive budget; Gov. delivers Budget address
- Mid-March – Assembly and Senate release one-house budget proposals
- Apr. 1 – Deadline to pass on-time budget; beginning of new fiscal year
- June 2 – Last scheduled legislative session day
- June 28 – NYS primary election day

# Major factors in Albany



# New York Governor's race



Jumaane Williams (D)  
NYC Public Advocate



Kathy Hochul (D)  
NY Governor



Thomas Suozzi (D)  
U.S. Representative (NY-3)



Bill de Blasio (D)\*  
NYC Mayor  
(\*Has not formally declared)



Lee Zeldin (R)  
U.S. Representative (NY-1)



Rob Astorino (R)  
Westchester County Executive



Andrew Giuliani (R)  
Former Trump Advisor



Derrick Gibson (R)  
Activist



Mike Carpinelli (R)  
Lewis County Sheriff

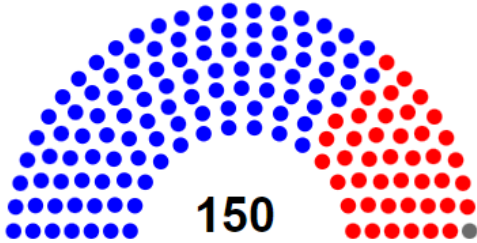




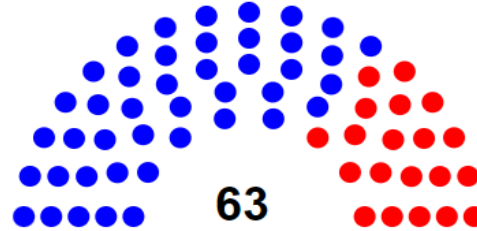
# New York State Legislature



**Carl Heastie**  
*Assembly Speaker*



**William Barclay**  
*Assembly Minority Leader*



**Andrea Stewart-Cousins**  
*Senate Majority Leader*



**Robert Ort**  
*Senate Minority Leader*

# Anticipated areas of legislative focus in 2022

Continued  
pandemic  
response

Bail law  
reform

Environmental  
reforms

Affordable  
housing

Legislative  
redistricting

Medical debt &  
hospital billing  
*(alternative to NYHA?)*

# Legislative focus: healthcare

- New York Health Act?  
("single-payer")
- Medical debt & billing practices
  - Prohibit liens & wage garnishment
  - Regulate hospital facility fees
  - Decrease interest rate on medical debt
  - Protect patients with medical debt during COVID-19 emergency
- "Fair pay for home care"



Assembly Member Dick Gottfried  
Assembly Health Committee Chair  
*(Not seeking re-election in 2022)*

# Budget projections

General fund balance projections	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025
Apr. 2021 (Enacted Budget projection)	Balanced	Balanced	(\$1.4 B)	(\$2.0 B)
Aug. 2021 (updated projection)	Balanced	Balanced	(\$247 M)	(\$1.2 B)
Nov. 2021 (updated projection)	\$3.3 B	\$5.3 B	\$3.7 B	\$4.1 B

Medicaid global cap spending projections	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025
Nov. 21 (updated projection)	Balanced	(\$137 M)	(\$1.1 B)	(\$1.3 B)

*“The Mid-Year Financial Plan reserves most of the projected surpluses...”*

– Division of the Budget,  
Mid-Year Update (Nov. 2021)

*“The Executive Budget will include a plan to eliminate the projected (Medicaid) deficits.”*

– Division of the Budget,  
Mid-Year Update (Nov. 2021)

# 2022 State of the State initiatives



# State of the state initiatives

- Rebuild and grow healthcare workforce by 20% over the next five years
  - \$10 billion workforce investment
  - Expand DANY, create “Nurses Across NY”
- Telehealth payment parity
- Broadband investment (\$1 billion)
  - Rural Broadband Grant Program

# Thank you.

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