



## *Consumer Directed Personal Assistance Association of New York State*

### **Talking Points for A.8173B (Gonzalez-Rojas)/S.7372B (Hinchey) Data Transparency Bill**

- The Department of Health (DOH) has refused to share CDPA data, including the number of consumers enrolled and the number of personal assistants they hire. Attempts by CDPAANYS and fiscal intermediaries (FIs) to get this information have been met with resistance and without successful resolution.
- DOH has this information through Medicaid cost reports from the Local Departments of Social Services (LDSS) and Managed Care Plans. The information was published by DOH until the move to Managed Care in 2012.
- DOH publishes this information about Medicaid institutional long-term care services, including nursing homes and assisted living facilities, quarterly on their website. A.8173B (Gonzalez-Rojas)/S.7372B (Hinchey) would bring parity to these and community-based care services.
- Legislators currently do not have access to this information, making it impossible for them to know how many of their constituents use or are paid to provide CDPA and home care services.
- Medicaid is publicly funded and New Yorkers have a right to know how basic information about the programs that they or their loved ones might use.
- This bill protects consumer identity and privacy, ensuring that DOH only shares aggregate data and nothing associated with any individual enrolled in CDPA or home care services.

**ASK: Will you co-sponsor A.8173B (Gonzalez-Rojas)/S.7372B (Hinchey) and advocate for its inclusion in the SFY 2023 budget to bring transparency and equity to DOH Medicaid service reporting?**