

WNY CDC PUBLIC POLICY COMMITTEE

Agenda & Asks for Fall 2023 Legislators' Meetings

Legislative Priorities

- 3.2% COLA and \$500 million in workforce funding
 - Statewide campaign to get people into the field
- Carve out certain behavioral health services from managed care

OMIG Audit Reform (S5329A/A6813)

- Helps to ensure the survival of providers; does not take away OMIG's ability to root out fraud, waste, and abuse
- With the 1115 waiver coming, audits will affect many more providers in the future
- History
 - Passed both houses in 2022, Governor vetoed it
 - A new bill was created last session that addressed the governor's concerns
 - Senate passed it last session; died in the Assembly
- Should be included in the budget process

Opioid Settlements

- Need more transparency around the process
- Workforce and salaries should be a major priority

Marijuana

- Need improved enforcement, especially around edibles that are being marketed and wrapped to look like candy
- How to encourage dispensary use as a harm reduction approach when we're OASAS-certified programs