



**ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY
SERVICES COMMITTEE AGENDA
MR. GLENN WEBSTER, CHAIR
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2025
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RUTH A. DOYLE
County Administrator

DAVID FORSYTHE
Chair, Board of Legislators

1. CALL TO ORDER AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – October 20, 2025

3. COMMUNITY SERVICES – JAY ULRICH

- A. Modifying the 2025 Budget for Community Services for Pass Through Funding Received from NYS Office of Mental Health for Approved Agencies (Res)
- B. Community Services Clinics Update (Info)

4. PUBLIC HEALTH – ERIN STREIFF

- A. Recognizing World AIDS Day on December 1st (Res)
- B. Recognizing December as Seasonal Affective Disorder Awareness Month (Res)
- C. Authorizing the Chair to Sign Contracts for Early Intervention Services for the Public Health Department and Setting 2026 Rates for Early Intervention Services (Res)
- D. Tabletop Exercises (Discussion)

5. SOCIAL SERVICES – JOE SEEBER

- A. Modifying the 2025 Budget for Social Services for Higher than Anticipated Expenses Related to the Child Care Block Grant and Safety Net (Res)
- B. Monthly Statistics: Eligibility Update (Info)
- C. Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP), Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), and Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP) (Discussion)

6. 2026 TENTATIVE BUDGET REVIEW

- A. Department Reviews: Community Services, Office for the Aging, Public Health, Social Services, Veterans Services, Weights and Measures, and Youth Bureau

7. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT – RUTH DOYLE

8. OLD/NEW BUSINESS

- A. Arming of Probation Officers Update (Discussion)

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Board of Health (Curran)
- B. CDP Board of Directors (Burke)
- C. Community Services Board (Haggard)
- D. Office for the Aging Advisory Board (Denesha)
- E. Youth Advisory Board (Terminelli)

10. EXECUTIVE SESSION

11. ADJOURNMENT – If there is no further business.

December 1, 2025

Services Committee: 11-17-2025

RESOLUTION NO.

MODIFYING THE 2025 BUDGET FOR COMMUNITY SERVICES FOR PASS THROUGH FUNDING RECEIVED FROM NYS OFFICE OF MENTAL HEALTH FOR APPROVED AGENCIES

By Mr. Webster, Chair, Services Committee

WHEREAS, the Local Government Unit (LGU) of Community Services received authorization from New York State Office of Mental Health (NYSOMH) for pass through funding for community agencies in St. Lawrence County, and

WHEREAS, the funding is one hundred percent (100%) pass through funding for contract agencies, and

WHEREAS, the ARC Jefferson-St. Lawrence notified NYSOMH that they are unable to utilize a significant portion of the 2025 State Aid allocation for transportation and employment services, and if it is not utilized will be recouped by the State, and

WHEREAS, in the 2026 Budget, THRIVE and STEP by STEP were recently awarded reallocated funding for 2026 by the Community Services Board for Supported Housing beds, and

WHEREAS, the Community Services Board has authorized a one-time reallocation of state funding to assist with costs associated with the expansion and addition of supported housing beds to the agencies mentioned above,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to modify the 2025 Budget for Community Services for pass through funding received from NYS Office of Mental Health (NYSOMH) for approved agencies, as follows:

DECREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

A4143224 465AR	ARC Advances	\$35,000
A4243224 465AR	A CRV ARC Advances	63,000
A4443224 465AR	A OFS ARC Advances	<u>42,000</u>
		\$140,000

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

A4143224 465SS	STEP by STEP Advances	\$35,000
A4243224 465SS	A CRV STEP by STEP Advances	35,000
A4243224 465TL	A CRV NCTLS Advances	28,000
A4443224 465TL	A OFS NCTLS Advances	<u>42,000</u>
		\$140,000

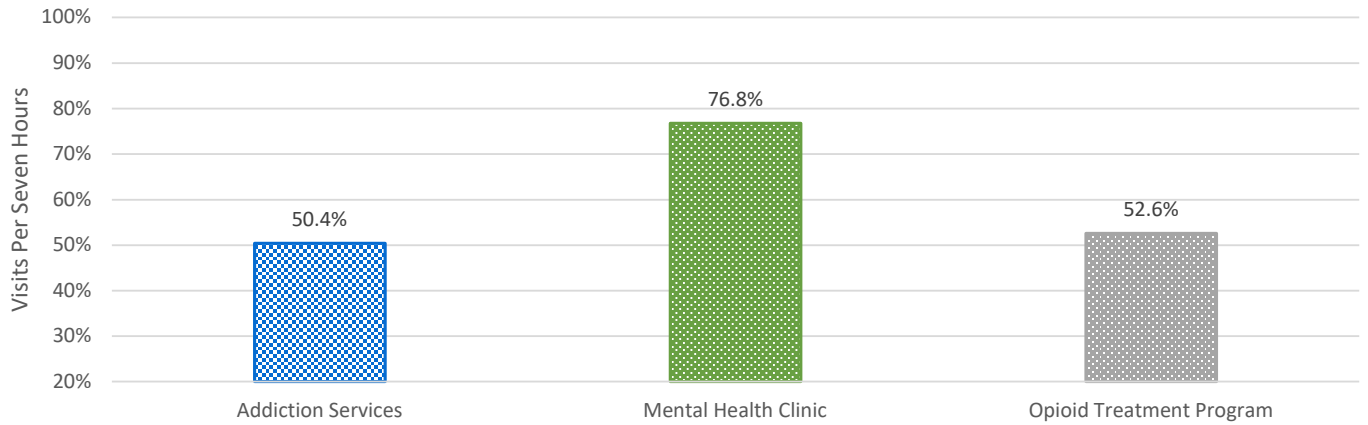
Community Services Clinic Update

October 2025

Monthly Clinic Counselor Visits Average

Average of Clinics: 57%

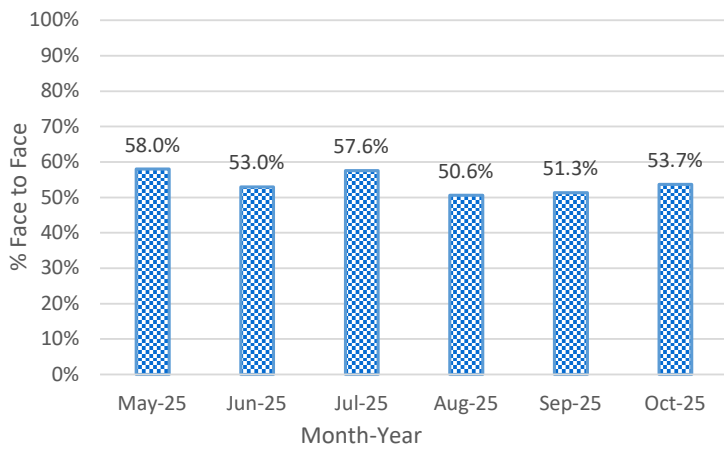
6 Month Average of Clinics: 63%



Addiction Services/OTP Face to Face %

Average: 54%

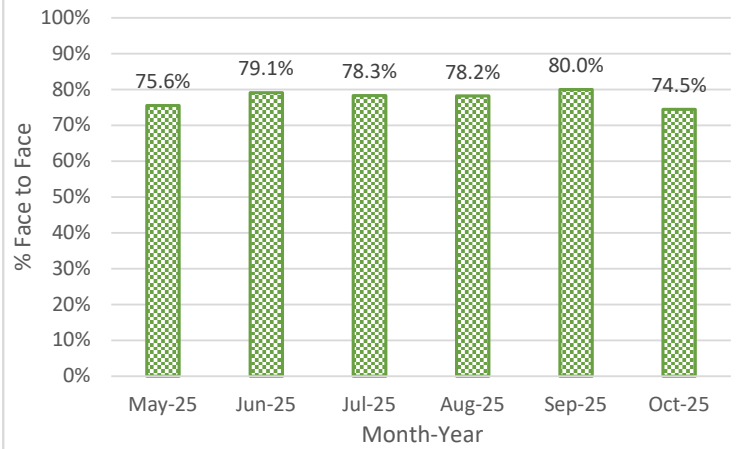
Goal: 60%



Mental Health Face to Face %

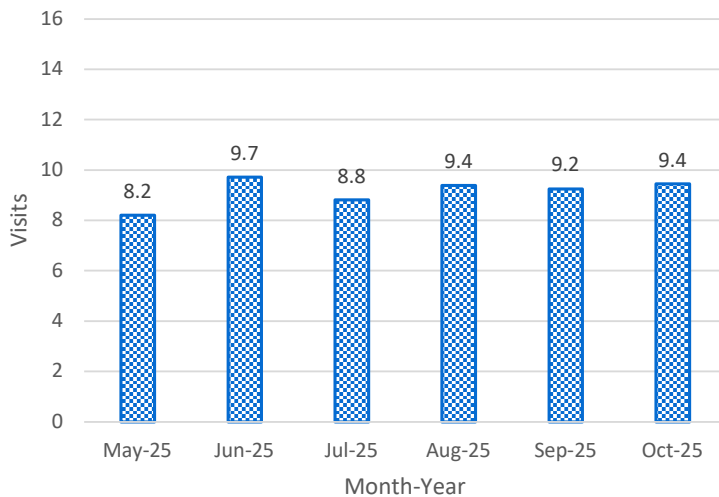
Average: 78%

Goal: 75%



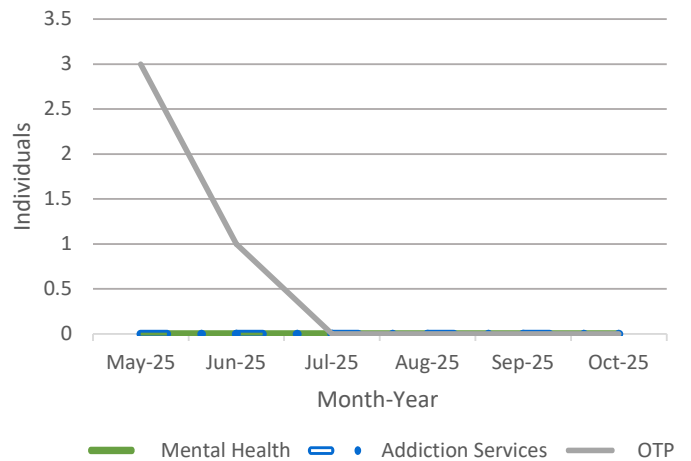
Prescribers Visits Per Seven Hours

Average 9



Wait Lists

Average:1



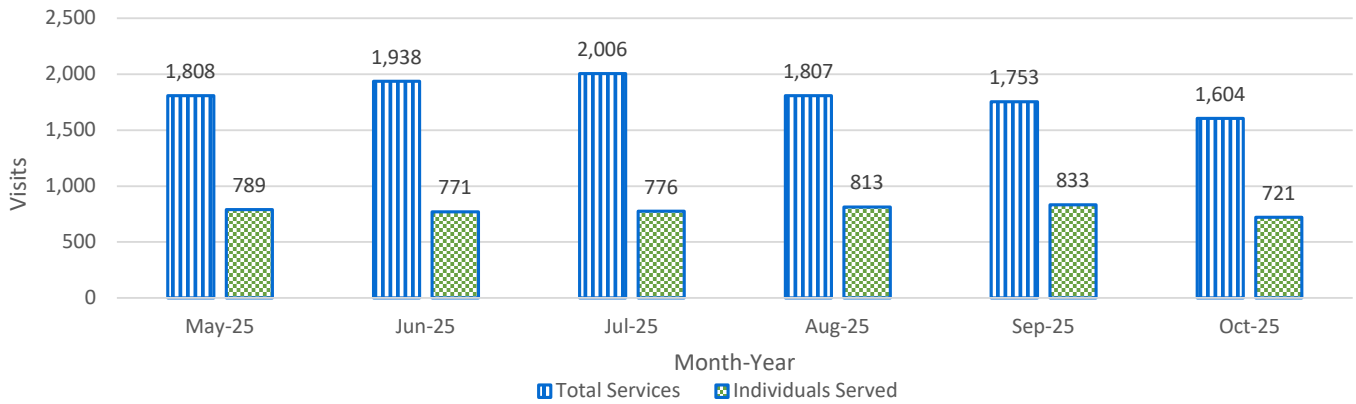
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Services Provided - All Clinics

Total Services Average: 1,819

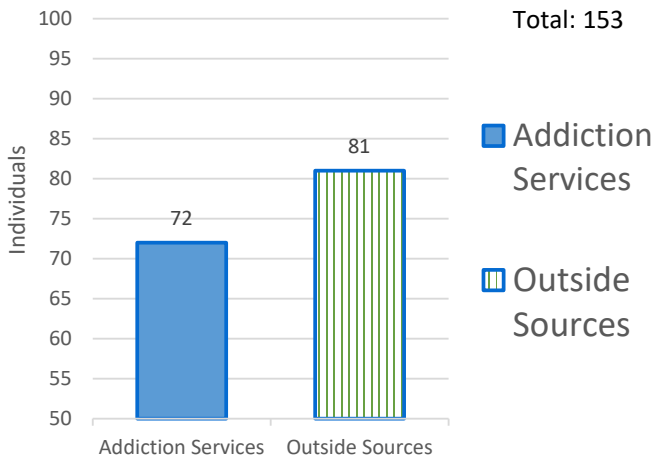
Average: 784



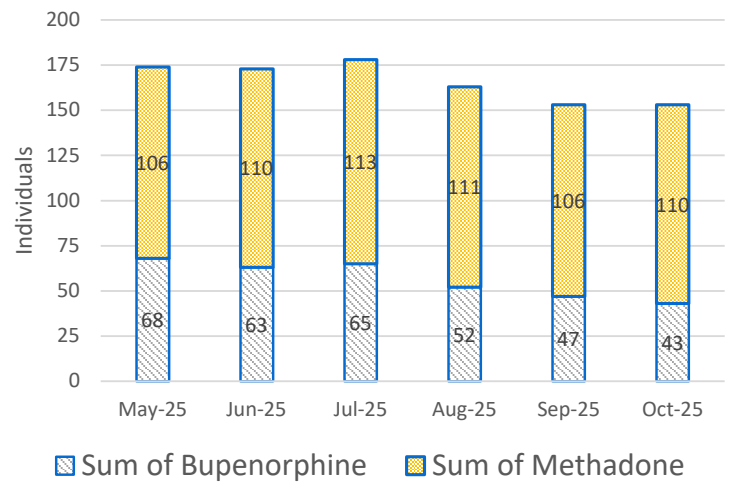
*This does not include OTP medication dispenses

Opioid Treatment Program (OTP) Population Source

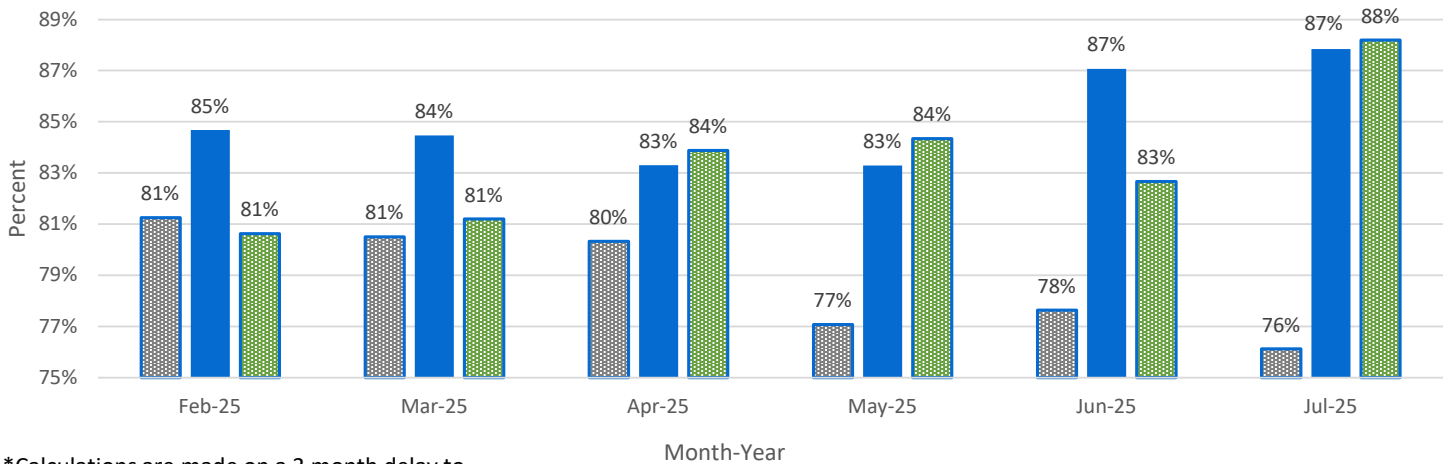
Total: 153



OTP Medication Breakdown



Reimbursement Rate by Clinic



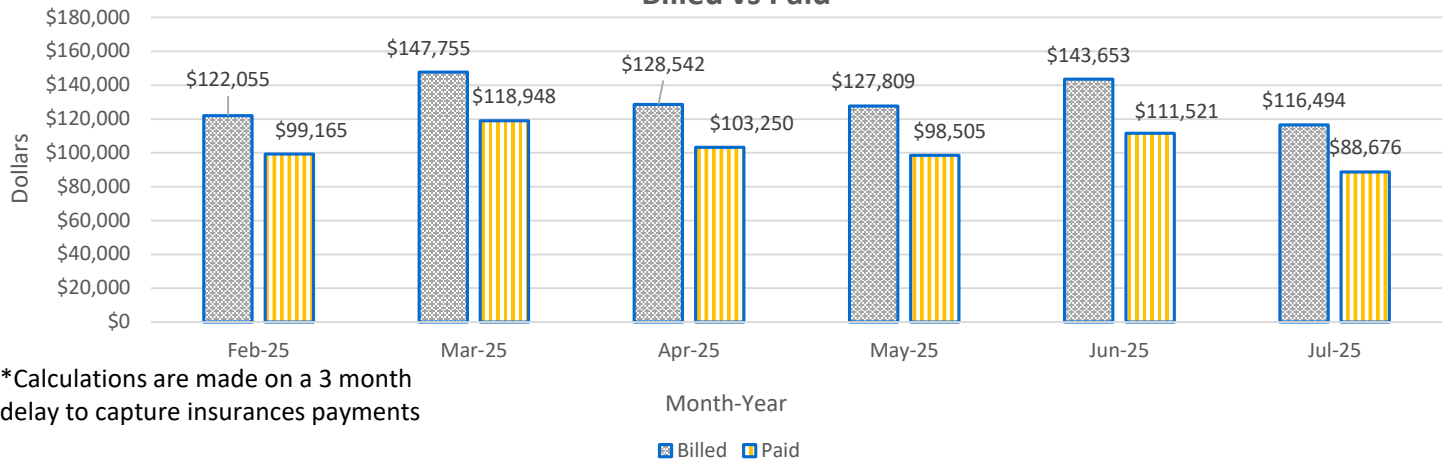
*Calculations are made on a 3 month delay to capture insurances payments

Community Services Clinic Update

October 2025

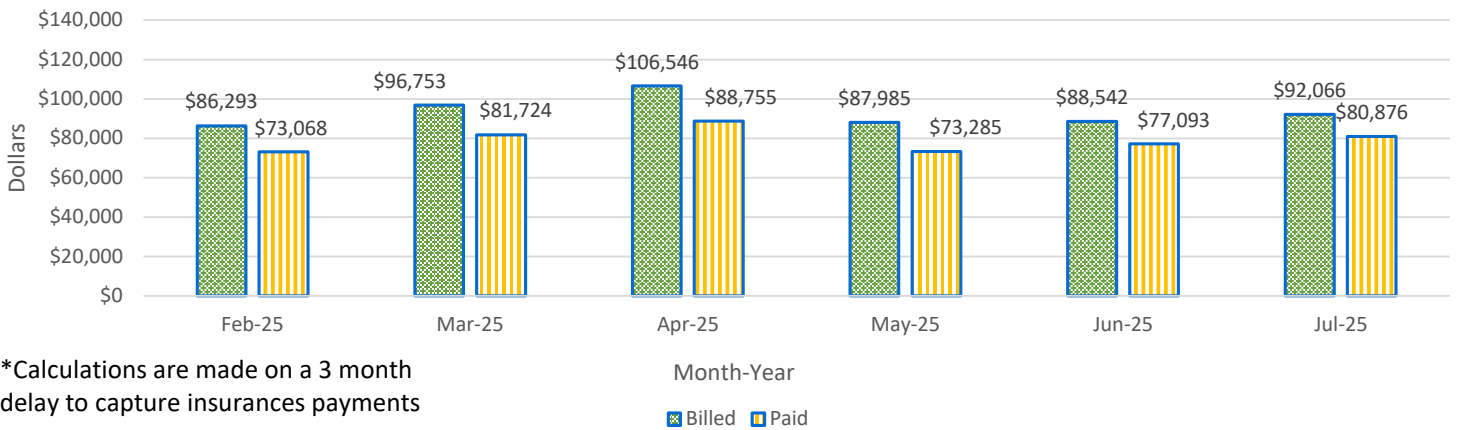
Opioid Treatment Program Billed vs Paid

**Rebilled claims removed



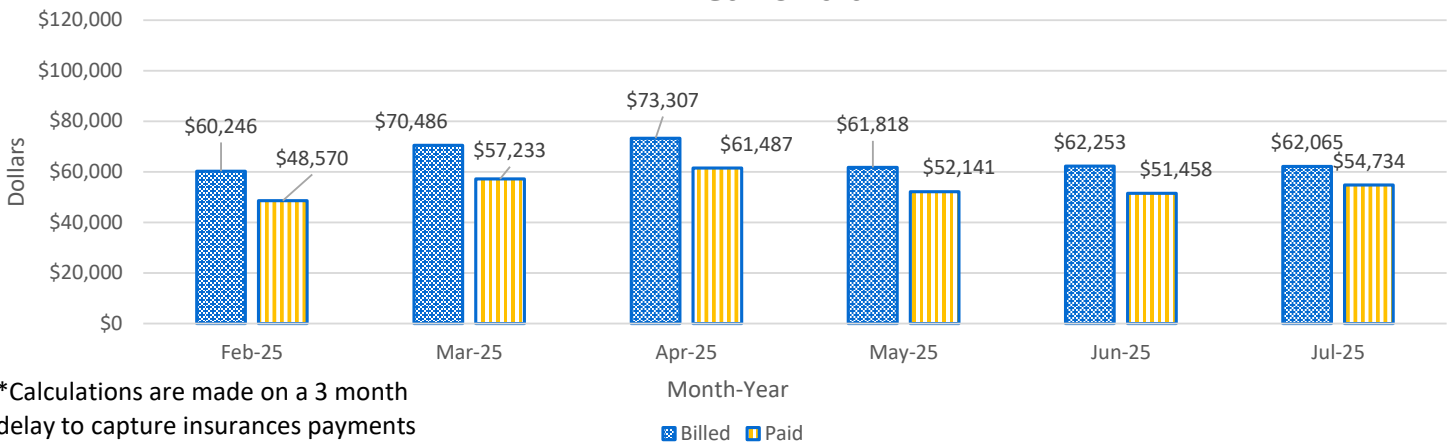
Mental Health Billed vs Paid

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Addiction Services Billed vs Paid

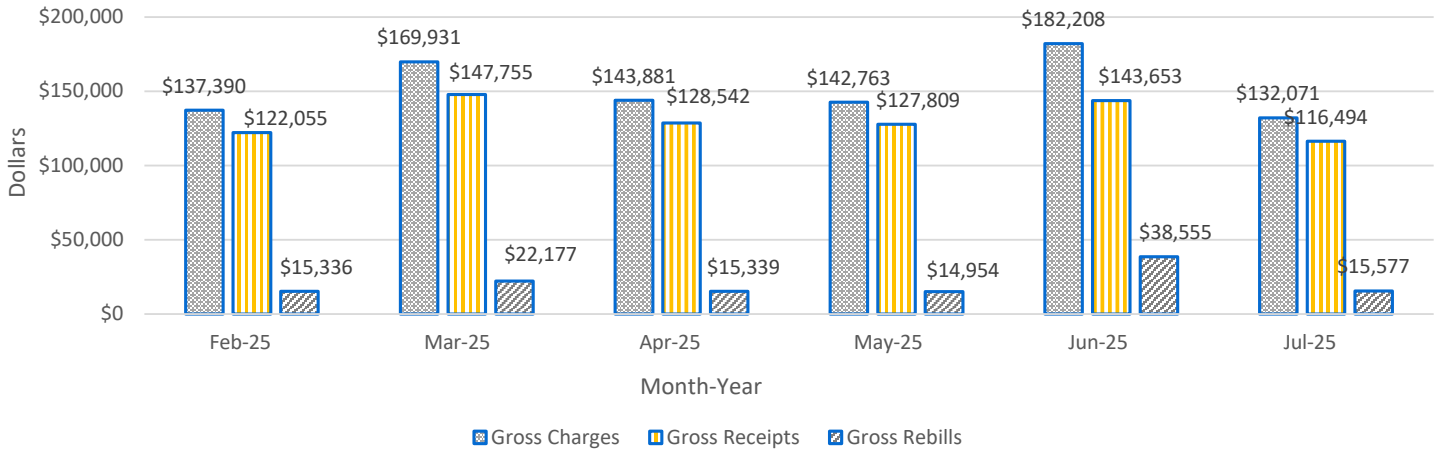
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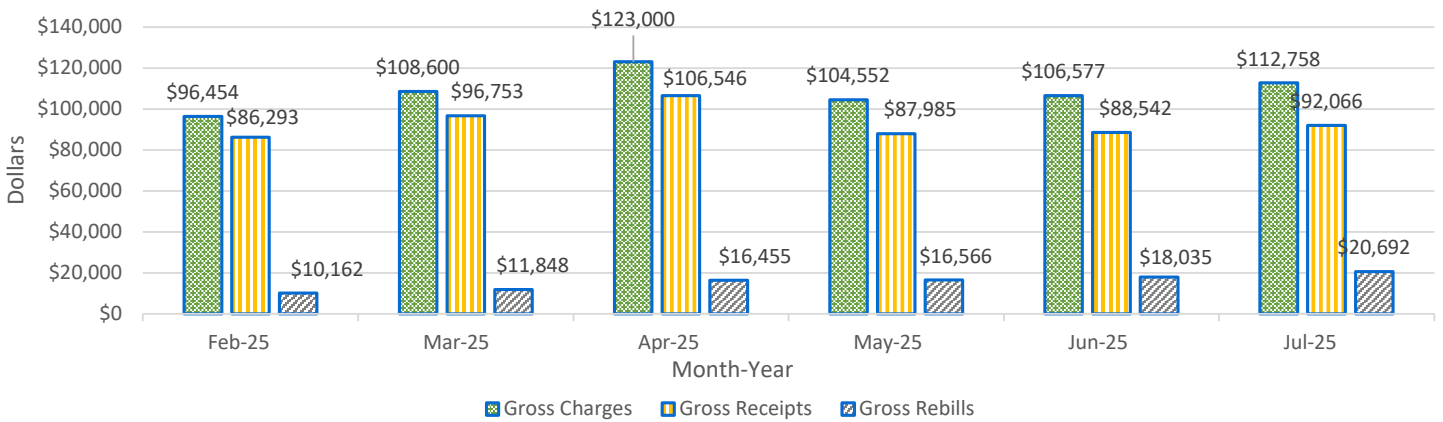
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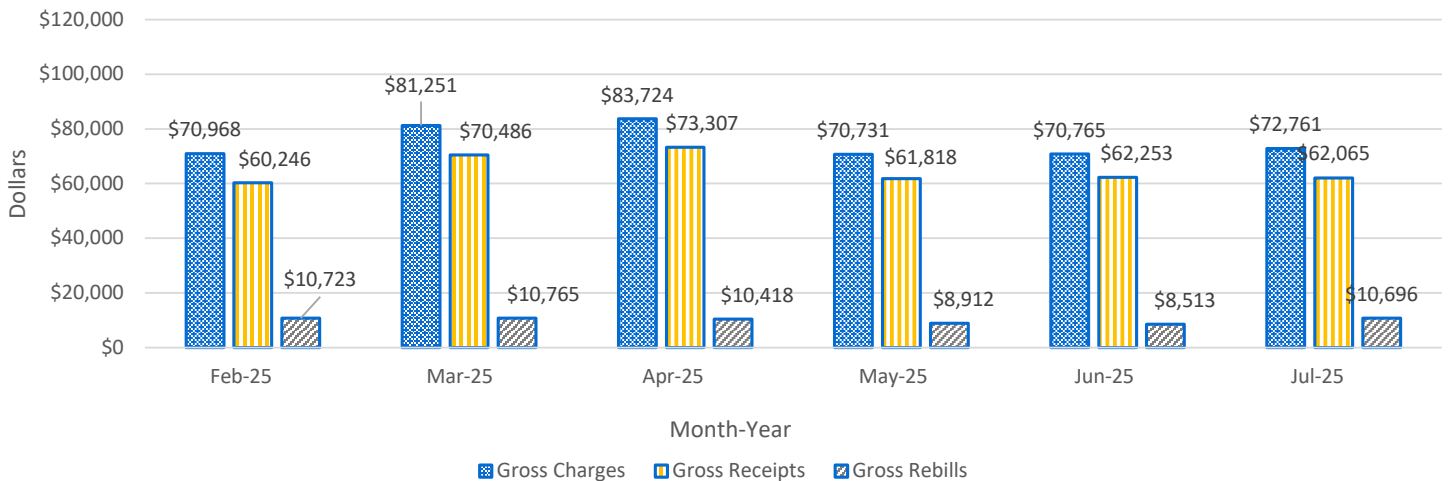
Opioid Treatment Program Charges, Reimbursements, vs Rebills



Mental Health Charges, Reimbursements, vs Rebills



Addiction Services Charges, Reimbursements, vs Rebills



December 1, 2025

Services Committee: 11-17-2025

RESOLUTION NO.

RECOGNIZING WORLD AIDS DAY ON DECEMBER 1ST

By Mr. Webster, Chair, Services Committee

WHEREAS, December 1st is recognized globally as World AIDS Day, a day dedicated to raising awareness of the Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) and Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome (AIDS) pandemic, mourning those who have lost their lives to the disease, and supporting individuals and communities affected by HIV/AIDS, and

WHEREAS, since the beginning of the epidemic, more than 84 million people worldwide have been infected with HIV, and over 40 million have died from AIDS-related illnesses, with millions continuing to live with HIV today, and

WHEREAS, significant progress has been made in the prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of HIV, transforming it from a fatal disease to a manageable chronic condition for many, thanks to advancements in antiretroviral therapy and global public health initiatives, and

WHEREAS, despite progress, stigma, and misinformation, health disparities continue to present major barriers to prevention, testing, and treatment, particularly in underserved communities, and

WHEREAS, World AIDS Day is an opportunity to reaffirm a shared commitment to ending the HIV epidemic, advocating for equitable access to healthcare, supporting scientific research, and promoting education and awareness to reduce stigma and discrimination, and

WHEREAS, individuals, healthcare workers, community organizations, and advocates across the world come together each year to honor those who have died, support those living with HIV, and work toward a future free of AIDS,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators hereby recognizes World AIDS Day on December 1st.

December 1, 2025

Services Committee: 11-17-2025

RESOLUTION NO.

**RECOGNIZING DECEMBER AS SEASONAL AFFECTIVE DISORDER AWARENESS
MONTH**

By Mr. Webster, Chair, Services Committee

WHEREAS, Seasonal Affective Disorder (SAD) is a type of depression that occurs at a specific time of year, most commonly in the fall and winter months, when daylight hours are shorter and exposure to natural sunlight is reduced, and

WHEREAS, SAD affects millions of people in the United States each year, often disrupting daily functioning and diminishing quality of life, yet remains underdiagnosed and misunderstood by the general public, and

WHEREAS, symptoms of Seasonal Affective Disorder may include fatigue, sadness, loss of interest in activities, changes in appetite or sleep, difficulty concentrating, and feelings of hopelessness—symptoms that can impact individuals' mental, emotional, and physical well-being, and

WHEREAS, December, with its limited daylight and colder temperatures in many parts of the country, is a particularly important time to increase public awareness and understanding of SAD and its impact, and

WHEREAS, treatments such as light therapy, psychotherapy, medication, and lifestyle changes can be effective in managing symptoms, especially when individuals are informed and supported in seeking help, and

WHEREAS, promoting awareness of Seasonal Affective Disorder can help reduce stigma around mental health conditions, encourage early diagnosis and treatment, and support those affected in accessing the care they need,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators hereby recognizes the month of December as Seasonal Affective Disorder Awareness Month, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators encourages healthcare providers, educators, community organizations, and residents to engage in efforts that increase awareness, offer support, and promote mental health and wellness during the winter season and beyond.

December 1, 2025

Services Committee: 11-17-2025

RESOLUTION NO.

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN CONTRACTS FOR EARLY INTERVENTION SERVICES FOR THE PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT AND SETTING 2026 RATES FOR EARLY INTERVENTION SERVICES

By Mr. Webster, Chair, Services Committee

WHEREAS, the Public Health Department contracts for Early Intervention Program Services and these contracts are necessary to provide services for the period of January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026, and

WHEREAS, contracted services include Occupational Therapy (OT), Physical Therapy (PT), Special Instruction Teachers (SI), Speech Language Pathology (SLP), Interpreter Services, and Audiology Therapy, and

WHEREAS, providers hired after December 31, 2019 will be paid the rates for new providers listed below, and

WHEREAS, the rates reflected for 2026 have not changed since 2024, and

WHEREAS, New York State Department of Health has implemented a 10% decrease for services provided via teletherapy, and

WHEREAS, these services will be paid from the following accounts based on actual services provided: PE040594 430DS PROV; PE040594 48600 PROV; and PE040594 443CM PROV,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign contracts for Early Intervention Services for the Public Health Department, for the following rates, upon approval of the County Attorney, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that upon implementation of the 5% rate increase and 4% rural modifier by the New York State Department of Health, these rates will be re-evaluated, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the following 2026 rates are authorized for Early Intervention Services, as follows:

<u>Services (in Person):</u>	<u>Rate for Current Providers:</u>	<u>Rate for New Providers:</u>
Developmental Core Evaluation (General)	\$175	\$155
Core Evaluation (Specialist)	\$108	\$100
Supplemental Evaluations	\$108/\$150	\$100

Interpreter Services	\$60	\$60
Direct Service Visit	\$60	\$45
Direct Service Visit (Speech)	\$62	\$45
Individual Family Service Plan (IFSP)/CPSE Meeting	\$42	\$30
IFSP Meeting w/Direct Service Visit (provided prior to or after the meeting)	\$60	\$50
Screening	\$175	\$130
Required Quality Assurance & Mandated Trainings	\$60	\$45
Parent/Child Play Group (minimum 2 children, \$12 each additional)	\$70	\$70
Travel Reimbursement for 2 Hours Travel Per Day	\$42	\$0
Mileage for Visits (Home or Community)	\$0	\$0.45/per mile

*Services (via Teletherapy): *Introductory Rates for Teletherapy (10% Decrease)	<u>Rate for Current Providers:</u>	<u>Rate for New Providers:</u>
Developmental Core Evaluation (General)	\$158	\$140
Core Evaluation (Specialist)	\$97	\$90
Supplemental Evaluations	\$97/\$135	\$90
Interpreter Services	\$54	\$54
Direct Service Visit	\$54	\$41
Direct Service Visit (Speech)	\$56	\$41
Individual Family Service Plan (IFSP)/CPSE Meeting	\$38	\$27
IFSP Meeting w/Direct Service Visit (provided prior to or after the meeting)	\$54	\$45
Screening	\$158	\$117

December 1, 2025

Services Committee: 11-17-2025

RESOLUTION NO.

MODIFYING THE 2025 BUDGET FOR SOCIAL SERVICES FOR HIGHER THAN ANTICIPATED EXPENSES RELATED TO THE CHILD CARE BLOCK GRANT AND SAFETY NET

By Mr. Webster, Chair, Services Committee

WHEREAS, changes in the eligibility requirements for the Child Care Block Grant have caused higher than anticipated costs in excess of the allocation plus additional funding and higher than anticipated costs in Safety Net, and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to modify the 2025 Budget for Social Services to cover expenses and to request appropriations from contingency to cover it,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to modify the 2025 Budget for Social Services as follows:

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

DSD60554 46500 CCBG	D NYS Child Care Block Grt Ind	\$1,070,025
DPS61404 46100	D HR Directs	<u>575,000</u>
		\$1,645,025

DECREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

DSS61294 46500	D STS Other Payments	\$350,000
DAC60104 49900	D SCU Miscellaneous Expense	20,000
DAE60104 40700	D Emp Building and Property Rent	12,000
DAS60104 40700	D SG Building and Property Rent	63,000
DAS60104 44100	D SG I/D Fuel Charges	20,000
DAA60102 26000	D Adm Other Equip	25,000
DAA60102 22001	D Adm Computer Hardware	10,000
B1019904 49700	B Spec Contingency Account	<u>835,886</u>
		\$1,335,886

INCREASE REVENUE:

DPS36405 56000	D SA Safety Net	\$165,785
DPS46405 57000	D FA Safety Net	3,326
DSC27015 55000	D LR CC Prior Year Refunds	194,799
DAS27015 55000	D SVC Prior Year Refund	<u>992</u>
		\$364,902

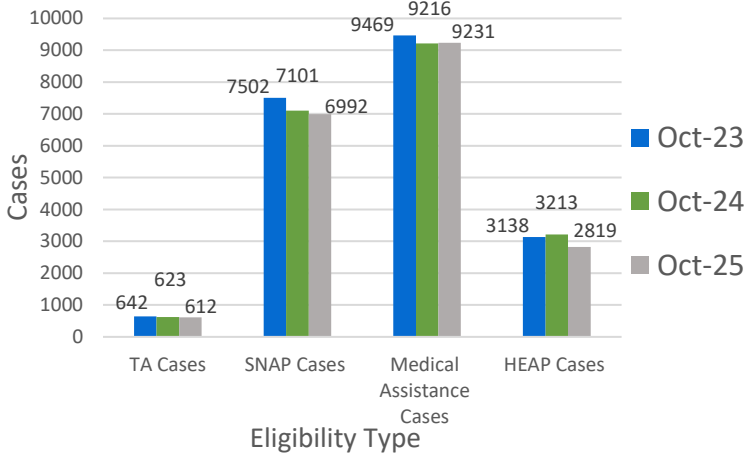
DECREASE REVENUE:

DA036105 56000	D SA General Administration	\$5,306
DA046105 57000	D FA General Administration	30,858
DAF46115 57000	D FA Food Stamps Administration	2,162
DAS46155 570CW	D FA FFFS Child Welfare Services	13,527
DAS36105 560CW	D SA Child Welfare Funding	<u>3,910</u>
		\$55,763

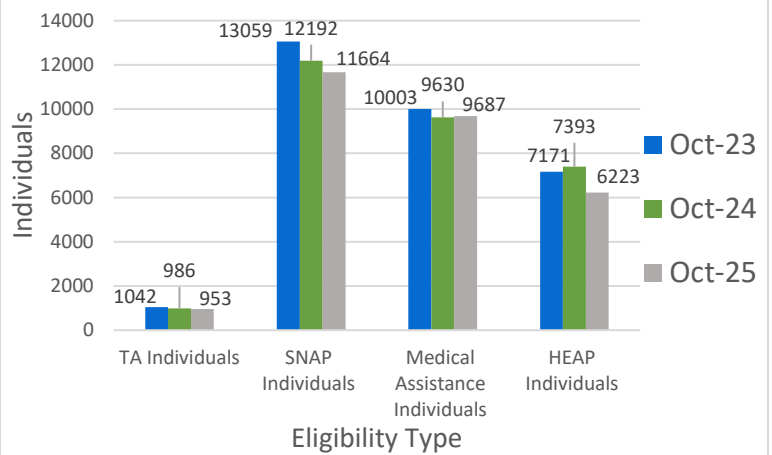
Social Services Eligibility Programs

Monthly Update October 2025

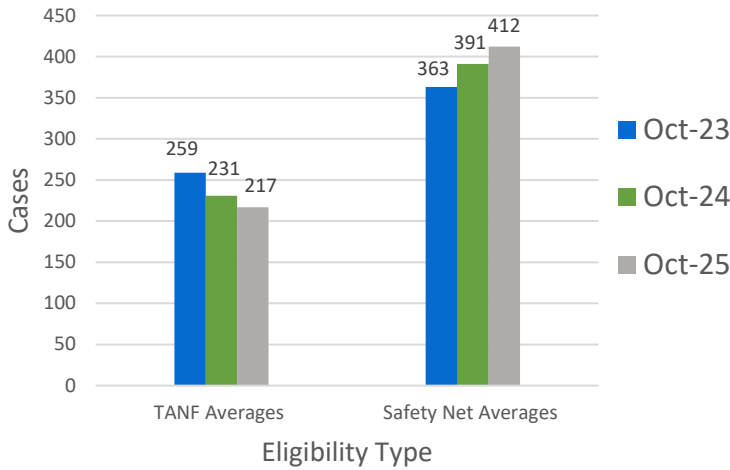
Total Cases by Type



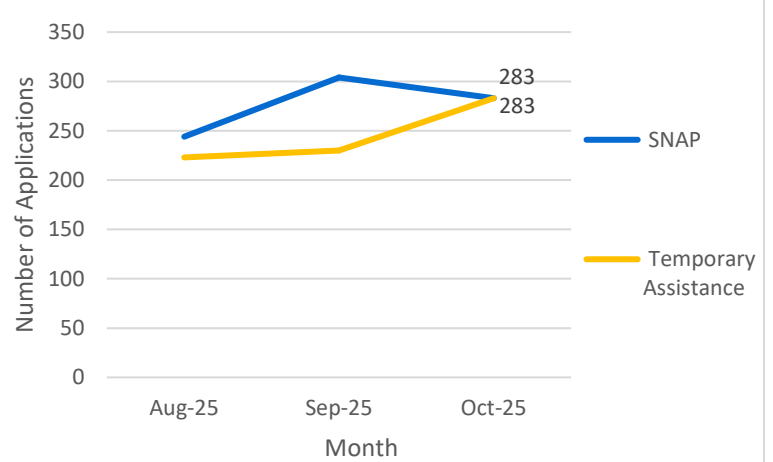
Total Individuals by Type



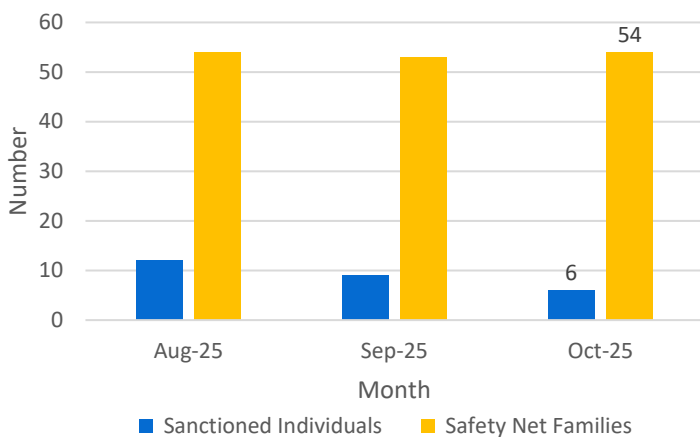
TANF & Safety Net Averages



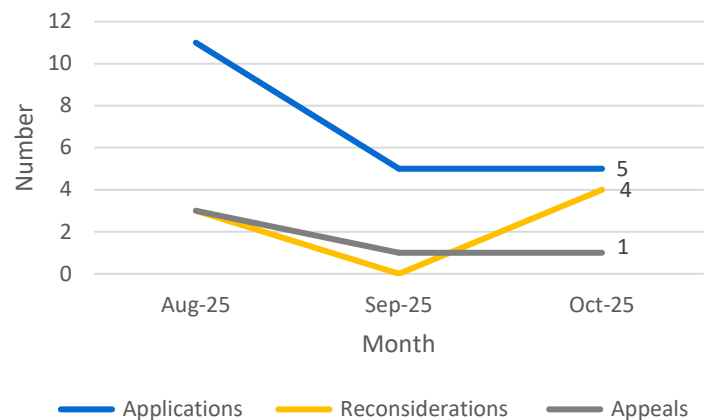
Program Applications



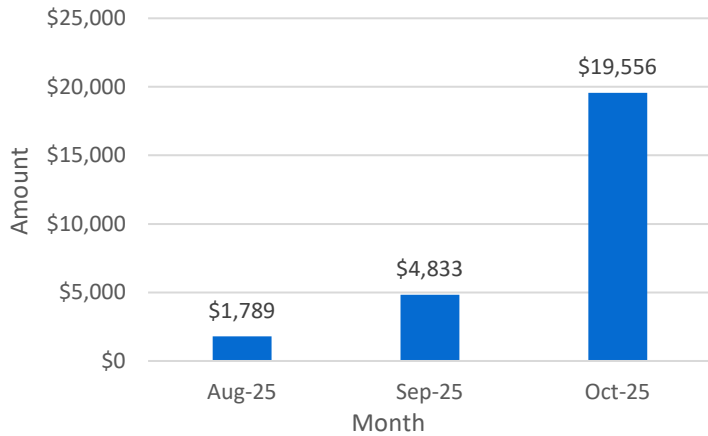
Safety Net Families



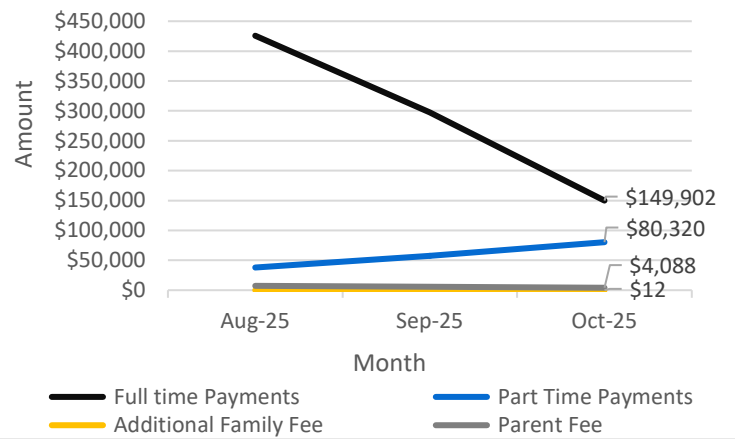
Disabled Client Assistance Program (DCAP)



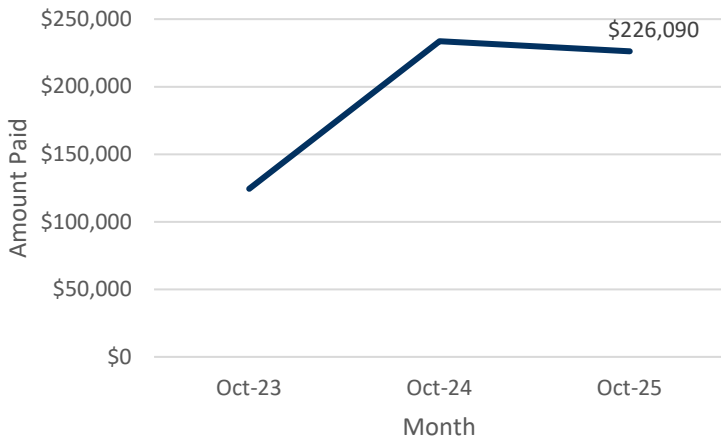
Disabled Client Assistance Program Interim Assistance Reimbursed



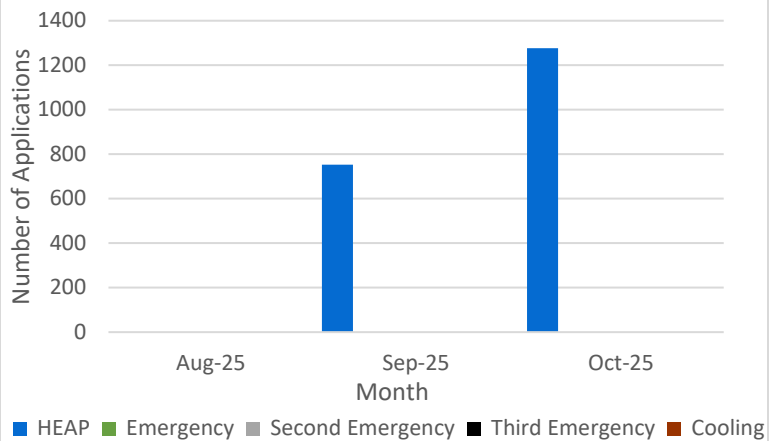
Child Care Assistance Payments 128 Providers



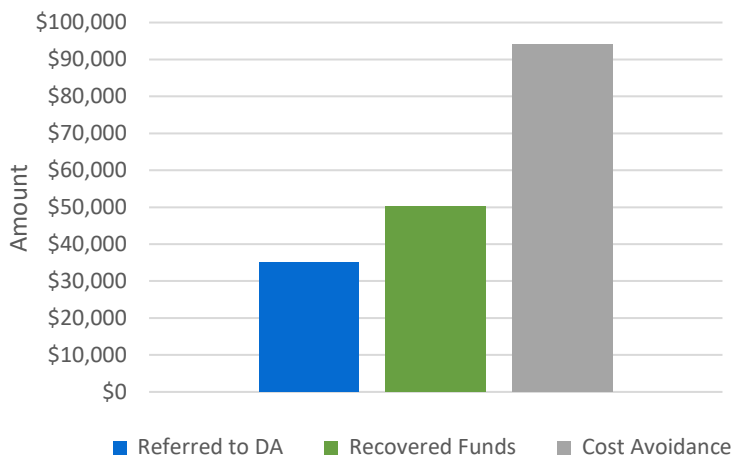
Child Care Assistance Annual Totals



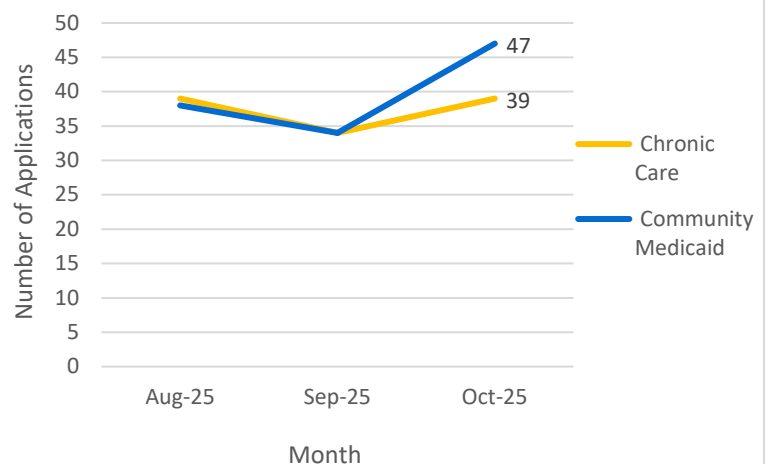
Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP)



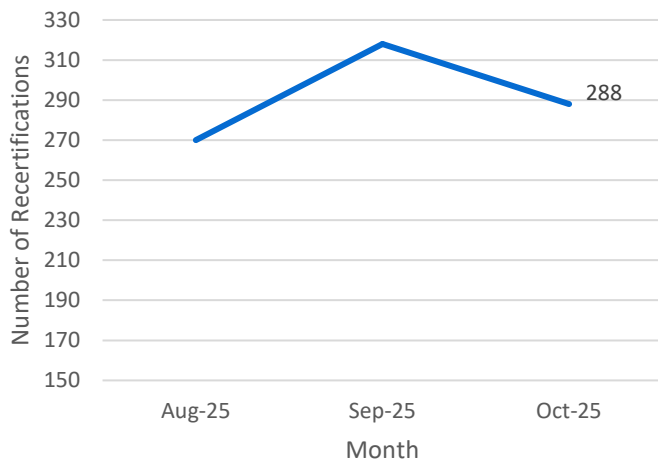
Fraud Investigation Unit (YTD)



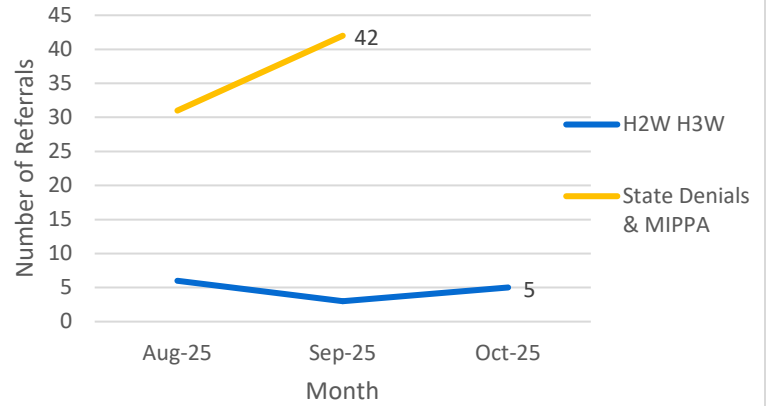
Medicaid Applications



Medicaid Recertifications



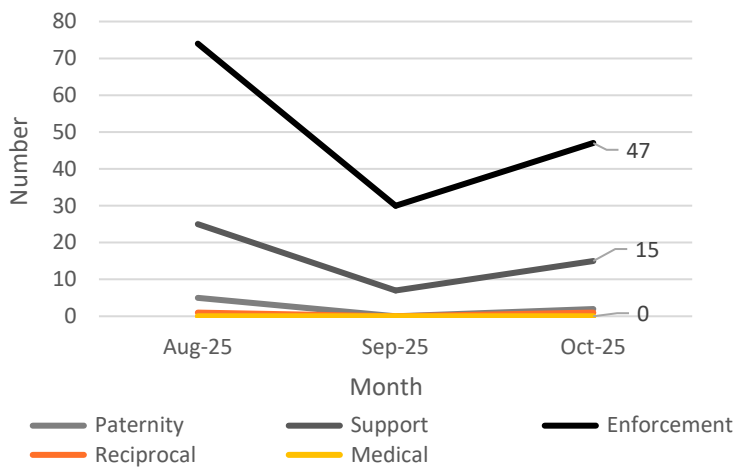
New York State of Health Referrals to Community Medicaid



*State Denials & Medicare Improvements for Patients & Providers lag by 1 month

Child Support

Child Support Petitions



Child Support Collections

