



# ACTION ALERT

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A non-profit tax-exempt organization representing New York City's community-based mental health sector.

## Carpe COLA

(Seize the COLA)

**Call Call Call Call Call Call Call Call Call Call Call Call Call Call**

The legislature *will be* in Albany the week of November 30-December 4. While they are in town we have an opportunity to get our COLA passed by the Assembly. When the Senate left town before the summer, they passed S7787, S7784, S7788 and S7786 providing a 2.5% COLA for human services workers. The Governor stated in a press release on June 19 that he would sign the bills if they passed. The companion bills, A11334, A11335, A11336 and A11337 are pending before the Assembly. If the Assembly passes these bills before December 31st we will get a COLA for the first time in nearly a decade.

**We cannot allow this opportunity to pass us by.**

**Monday, November 30, 1998** has been designated as a Statewide Call for COLA Day. We urge you, your staff and your clients to take a few minutes at some point on Monday to call as many of the following legislators as possible. Ask them not to forget the COLA for human services workers. Remind them that a COLA is a wise investment for the State - an investment that secures quality care for our most vulnerable citizens, an investment in the families of the hard-working people who serve them and an investment that will stabilize the human services system as we move into managed care. Ask them to do everything in their power to ensure that these important pieces of legislation are passed before they leave Albany.

*Speaker Sheldon Silver	(518) 455-3791	(212) 385-6680
*Mental Health Chair James Brennan	(518) 455-5377	(718) 788-7221
Assemblyman Michael Bragman	(518) 455-4567	(315) 452-1044
Assemblyman Ronald Canestrari	(518) 455-4474	(518) 274-8395
Assemblyman Thomas DiNapoli	(518) 455-5192	(516) 482-6966
*Assemblyman Herman Farrell	(518) 455-5491	(212) 312-1441
*Assemblyman Roger Green	(518) 455-5325	(718) 596-0100
Assemblywoman Susan John	(518) 455-4527	(716) 244-5255
*Assemblyman Steven Sanders	(518) 455-5506	(212) 979-9696
*Assemblyman Keith Wright	(518) 455-4793	(212) 866-5809

*Call the Albany office (listed first) if you can, if not call the district office.  
Those highlighted with an \* are particularly key.*