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Older adults and disabled New Yorkers protested outside of Gov. Kathy Hochul's office after spending the night in the War Room. | Courtesy of the New York Caring Majority

WAR ROOM RALLY: After older adults and disabled New Yorkers spent a long night sleeping in the Capitol's War Room, they gathered outside Hochul's office today to protest a budget proposal to enlist a single company to handle payroll and other administrative tasks for New Yorkers who hire their own home care aides.

The New York Caring Majority, a coalition of health care advocacy groups, claim [the proposal](#) to replace hundreds of fiscal intermediaries — most of which are run by licensed home care agencies — with a

single vendor under a no-bid contract would limit care options and delay payments to aides.

The consolidation is intended to reduce Medicaid spending under the consumer-directed personal assistance program, or CDPAP, which has ballooned from \$6 billion in state and federal spending in 2021 to \$9 billion in 2023.

“We are calling on Governor Hochul, the Assembly and Senate to work with the disability community to develop sensible and measured reforms to CDPAP in this year’s budget that target the real problems in the system and maintain the integrity of this invaluable program,” Lindsay Miller, executive director of the New York Association for Independent Living, said in a statement. — **Shawn Ness and Maya Kaufman**