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CANZONERI-FITZPATRICK & SENATE REPUBLICANS CALL FOR FEDERAL INVESTIGATION INTO CDPAP TRANSITION

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ALBANY, NY - Senator Patricia Canzoneri-Fitzpatrick, along with New York State Senate Republican Leader Rob Ortt, members of the Senate Republican Conference, penned a <u>letter</u> to Robert Kennedy, Secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, requesting the department open an investigation into the implementation of the transition of New York's Consumer Directed Personal Assistance Program (CDPAP) to a new statewide fiscal intermediary.

"Reports continue to surface of patients encountering technical issues, caregivers receiving conflicting information, and a lack of transparency regarding enrollment figures. Many caregivers also face the potential loss of income and the ability to continue providing care. Additionally, the reported 40,000 patients shifting from CDPAP to Licensed Home Care Services Agencies (LHCSAs) may find themselves without services simply due to bureaucratic delays and confusion. The transition from approximately 700 fiscal intermediaries (FIs) to a single, state-selected intermediary has been fraught with problems from the outset. To date, there is no clear evidence that the new system will improve care or efficiency. Instead, the risks far outweigh any potential benefits," the letter reads.

"Members of our conference, as well as advocates, have consistently warned that the misguided proposal to transition CDPAP to a single fiscal intermediary would have adverse impacts on New Yorkers in need of this critical care. I am confident that a thorough investigation of the implementation of this transition will determine the plan should be scrapped altogether," **said Senator Patricia Canzoneri-Fitzpatrick**, **SD 9th**.

In addition to calls for an investigation into the CDPAP program transition, members of the Senate Republican Conference also announced the introduction of legislation that would delay the implementation for 90 days.

A full copy of the letter is attached.