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## Senator Gallivan Seeks Answers at CDPAP Hearing

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## Joint Senate Hearing Examines Changes to the Consumer Directed Personal Assistance Program

Senator Patrick M. Gallivan (R-C, Elma), Ranking member of the Senate Health Committee, participated in a joint Senate hearing on the state's transition of its Consumer Directed Personal Assistant Program (CDPAP) to a single statewide fiscal intermediary, Public Partnerships LLC. Joining members of the Health Committee were Senators who serve on the Senate's Government Operations and Investigations Committee.

The Senators questioned stakeholders about the overhaul of the program and its impact on families as it relates to enrollment, transparency, oversight and accountability.

"The state's transition from more than 600 fiscal intermediaries to just one has been tumultuous from the start, lacking transparency and causing great concern for program participants," Senator Gallivan said. "Questions remain about the selection of the lone provider and whether the promised savings to the state have been achieved. Hearing directly from departments, stakeholders, health care experts and others will help us determine how best to ensure families get the care and services they deserve moving forward."

Members of the Senate Minority Conference had warned about the dangers of switching to a single fiscal intermediary to oversee the CDPAP. Nearly 300,000 New Yorkers use the Consumer Directed Personal Assistance Program.