The Self-Advocacy Association of New York State

(SANYS)

Medicaid Redesign Team

(MRT)

Explanation Paper
Governor Cuomo has made a team of people to make changes to Medicaid

This team was supposed to cut money from the budget

They finished their work last week, and want to make cuts to services and supports
There are cuts to many areas.

Some cuts may affect people with disabilities.

Some of those changes are for a program called **CDPA** (or **CDPAS**, or **CDPAP**).

**CDPA** allows people who need personal care support in the community to hire and direct their own staff.
The MRT wants to make it harder for people to get services.

They would make it harder for people with some money to get services.

They would make it harder for people with spouses or family they live with to get services.
The MRT would make it harder for people who need less supports to get services.

There would be independent panels to review people’s needs.

There would be stricter reviews for people who use a lot of staff hours.

People would use a standard tool to decide staff hours instead of choosing themselves.
There would be less FI agencies for people to choose from.

The MRT would encourage plans and agencies to reduce costs from CDPA.

While the MRT recommendations increase funding in a few areas, they cut funding in most areas.
The **MRT** would cut $2.5 billion from the Medicaid budget.

We think that it is a bad time to cut budgets when there is a healthcare crisis.

SANYS is working to advocate against cuts.

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