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Parts CC, DD, and EE of S.2505 / A.3005 Health Insurance Cost Shifts to Retirees

The CSEA strongly opposes the Executive Budget proposals that increase health insurance costs for current and future public sector retirees.

The budget would create a Tier 2 health insurance contribution for any person hired by the State on or after October 1, 2021. Additionally, the Budget would cap the reimbursement for Medicare Part B premiums for public employees or retirees enrolled in the New York State Health Insurance Plan (NYSHIP) at \$148.50 and would eliminate the reimbursement to NYSHIP retirees of the Income Related Monthly Adjustment Amounts (IRMAA) supplemental premium effective January 1, 2021.

The Governor has proposed these changes several times over the past decade and the State Senate and Assembly have rejected them each time.

Retirees have much less flexibility to absorb cost increases than others. With the costs of prescription drugs, groceries, energy and other everyday items constantly on the rise, their budgets are already being stretched to their limits. For those living on a fixed income, any increases to their out-of-pocket expenses for health care can substantially impact their budgets and financial well-being.

On behalf of 300,000 active and retired, public and private employees across New York State, CSEA urges the legislature to reject these proposals.

Respectfully submitted,

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