Gov. Cuomo, Mayor de Blasio Agree on NY HIV/AIDS Rent Cap

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Governor Andrew Cuomo (D–N.Y.) and Mayor Bill de Blasio (D–N.Y.) have agreed to cap the rent contribution of HIV-positive New Yorkers receiving rental assistance at 30 percent of their disability income, according to a joint statement. New York City will cover two-thirds of the program costs. Such a cap already is the standard for other low-income housing programs in the state. Currently, more than 10,000 low-income people with HIV/AIDS who receive rental assistance pay more than 70 percent of their disability income toward rent, which leaves them with about $12 per day for all other expenses. Former Governor David Paterson (D–N.Y.) vetoed a similar proposal in 2010. VOCAL-NY and other groups have advocated for this cap for years.

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