

# **The New York City Council**

*City Hall  
New York, NY 10007*



## **Meeting Minutes**

**Tuesday, October 17, 2000**

**10:00 AM**

**Committee Room - City Hall**

### **Committee on General Welfare**

*Stephen DiBrienza, Chair*

*Members: Ronnie M. Eldridge, Martin Malave-Dilan,  
Guillermo Linares, Juanita E. Watkins, Lloyd Henry,  
Bill Perkins, Angel Rodriguez and Michael J. Abel*

Roll Call

**Present,**

DiBrienza, Eldridge, Linares, Henry, Perkins and Abel

**Absent,**

Malave-Dilan, Watkins and Rodriguez

*Other Council Members Attending: Speaker Vallone*

T2000-1699

**Oversight - Medicaid Spousal Refusal: Why is HRA Impoverishing the Elderly?**

Attachments: Committee Report

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Res 1608-2000

**Resolution denouncing the City Human Resources Administration policy of impoverishing elderly New Yorkers whose spouses receive Medicaid-provided nursing home or home health care, even though it is not required to do so under the current Medicaid law; calling upon the state to humanize its fair hearing process and to relax its standards for increasing the maximum level of savings and income an individual may retain when his/her spouse is receiving nursing home care through Medicaid; and calling upon the United States Congress to amend the Medicaid Act to ensure that moderate income individuals are not forced into poverty when their spouses need nursing home or home health care.**