



COMMUNITY HEALTH CARE ASSOCIATION of New York State

MEMORANDUM OF SUPPORT

S.7872(Rivera)

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The Community Health Care Association of New York State (CHCANYS) writes in strong support of S.7872(Rivera) which would make the Nurse Practitioner Modernization Act permanent.

CHCANYS joins our community of health care advocates in calling for the passage of S.7872 to make the Nurse Practitioner Modernization Act permanent, ensuring that Nurse Practitioners (NPs) are afforded the flexibility to continue to serve New Yorkers in their current capacity.

CHCANYS is New York's Primary Care Association working closely with more than 70 federally qualified health centers (FQHCs) that operate over 800 sites across the State. FQHCs, also known as community health centers (CHCs), are nonprofit, community run medical clinics located in medically underserved areas that provide high quality, cost effective primary care, including behavioral health services. FQHCs serve all individuals, regardless of their immigration status, insurance coverage, or ability to pay. Each year, FQHCs serve around 1 in 9 New Yorkers.

FQHCs are a critical access point for underserved New Yorkers and rely heavily on NPs to increase access to care, especially in areas where other provider types are difficult to recruit or retain. NPs in health centers conduct physical examinations, order tests, prescribe medications, and immunize all in compliance with current practice laws. NPs have always played an especially important role in the FQHC workforce and even more so during the COVID-19 pandemic. The care that NPs provide in a primary care setting has allowed patients in those communities most adversely impacted by health care system inequities to continue to have access to care. NPs are a cornerstone of the primary care medical home.

S.7872 (Rivera) will ensure that New Yorkers continue to have access to the high-quality care provided by NPs. CHCANYS strongly supports its passage.

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