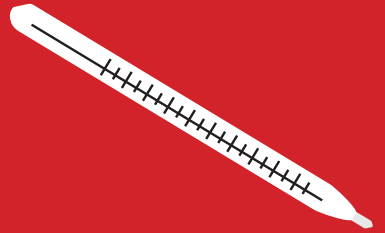


# KEY 2022 STATE OF THE STATE PRIORITIES



Governor Hochul's priorities for the upcoming legislative session feature some key items of interest for Community Health Centers

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## MAKE CERTAIN PANDEMIC FLEXIBILITIES PERMANENT

- Payment parity for telehealth in Medicaid and commercial insurance
- Healthcare professions changes to increase capacity and access to care, including vaccines



## EXPAND HEALTHCARE WORKFORCE BY 20%

- \$10B multiyear investment
- Increased funding for DANY/Creation of NANY
- Expand Diversity in Medicine Program and recruitment
- Develop apprenticeship and job training programs
- Establish interstate licensure compact
- Free tuition, childcare, and transportation for students entering in healthcare professions
- Increased training capacity of medical institutions



## EXPAND INSURANCE ACCESS

- Expand income eligibility for Essential Plan
- Align Child Health Plus benefits with Medicaid benefits
- Eliminate the resource eligibility test and raise the income level to 138% FPL for New Yorkers 65 and up and those with disabilities



## EXPAND BH AND SUD TREATMENT ACCESS

- Create a MAT program for uninsured individuals
- Expand naloxone and buprenorphine access
- Expand mobile treatment services for opioid addiction
- Enhance suicide prevention
- Provide individuals with supportive recovery housing



## PROTECT REPRODUCTIVE ACCESS FOR ALL

- Expand the family planning grant program



## SUPPORT LGBTQIA+ HEALTH SERVICES

- Provide support for direct health services, cultural competency education and training, and organizational capacity building



## ENHANCE BROADBAND INFRASTRUCTURE

- \$1B ConnectAll Initiative in urban and rural communities across the state
- Provide grant opportunities to entities to construct open and accessible broadband infrastructure
- Make connections in rural communities
- Expand \$30 per month broadband subsidies for low-income households
- Create statewide digital equity plan.



## END HOMELESSNESS

- Create Safe Options Support (SOS) Teams to transition individuals who are street homeless to stable housing in New York City
- SOS Teams will also connect individuals to behavioral health and substance use disorder care as needed

