



COMMUNITY HEALTH CARE ASSOCIATION of New York State

FY 2022-2023 Budget Priorities

- 🍏 **Enhance health care workforce in medically underserved communities.**
 - Support full funding for existing workforce programs (e.g. Doctors Across New York, Area Health Education Centers, Diversity in Medicine Program, and Ambulatory Care Training Program).
 - Support Scope of Practice changes advanced in the Governor's budget.
 - Recognize Certified Medical Assistants as staff that can provide injections, including immunization, and act under provider direction, pursuant to their training.
 - Support Health Care and Mental Hygiene Worker Bonuses (\$1.6B) for essential frontline workers.
 - Support new initiatives: the creation of Nurses Across New York, and New York State joining Interstate Medical and Nurses Licensure Compacts.

- 🍏 **Ensure payment parity among all remote visit types, regardless of modality or patient/provider location.**
 - Payment parity among in-person visits and all remote care, especially telephonic, is necessary to ensure CHC patients can continue utilizing telehealth. Without parity, access to remote care will be limited in medically underserved communities and for those without reliable internet or broadband access.
 - Payment parity must include instances where providers and patients are out of the clinic. Providers' ability to work remotely has expanded the ability of CHCs to recruit and retain workforce.

- 🍏 **Establish a \$7M rate equity pool for CHCs.**
 - To be distributed by the NYS Department of Health to a targeted number of health centers that will experience rate reductions effective October 1, 2021.

- 🍏 **Repeal the pharmacy benefit carve out of Medicaid managed care.**
 - Currently slated to take effect in 2023, the pharmacy benefit carve out would decimate the 340B benefit received by community health centers, Ryan White clinics, and hospitals.

- 🍏 **Expand health care access for the uninsured.**
 - Create an insurance coverage option akin to the Essential Plan to expand coverage for undocumented immigrants who are not currently eligible for any health insurance programs.

- 🍏 **Support investments in capital infrastructure, telehealth, and broadband expansion.**
 - Support new Health Care Facility Transformation Program (\$1.2B) funding for health care providers, including community-based providers, and the set-aside funding of \$150M for telehealth transformation projects.

- 🍏 **Maintain existing programmatic funding to support enhanced care management and comprehensive access to primary care services, which is crucial to supporting better chronic disease and behavioral health management, resulting in fewer ER visits among enrollees.**
 - **Patient Centered Medical Home (PCMH)** funding for safety net providers is critical to care management for Medicaid enrollees. 78% of New York's community health centers are PCMH certified.
 - **Health Homes** funding allows health centers to support enhanced care management for high need, high-cost Medicaid enrollees.

- 🍏 **Support continued funding for existing programs that expand access to care for underserved populations.**
 - Diagnostic & Treatment Center Uncompensated Care Safety Net Pool
 - School Based Health Centers
 - Migrant & Seasonal Farm Workers Program
 - Rural Health Access Networks