



COMMUNITY HEALTH CARE ASSOCIATION of New York State

**MEMORANDUM IN SUPPORT**  
**A9442A (GOTTFRIED)/S9207 (RIVERA)**  
*Passed Assembly*  
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The Community Health Care Association of New York State (CHCANYS) writes this memo in strong support of A9442A/S9207 which would require the Department of Health to make public any changes it has made to the State's model contract, a legal document that outlines the contractual requirements on managed care organizations (MCOs) in the state's Medicaid managed care program.

CHCANYS is the primary care association for New York's federally qualified health centers (FQHCs), also known as community health centers (CHCs). Located in low-income and medically underserved neighborhoods, CHCs provide a full range of primary and preventive health care and enabling services for more than 2.1 million patients at over 800 sites, regardless of insurance, immigration status, or ability to pay. Among CHC patients, 90% are low-income, 68% are Black, Hispanic/Latinx, and people of color, and 59% are enrolled in Medicaid or Child Health Plus.

Given the importance of Medicaid as a payor for CHCs, many have joined independent practice associations to participate in value-based payment initiatives as encouraged by the state. However, those initiatives have not been without their challenges; especially related to timely data sharing between MCOs and providers.

The model contract is the best enforcement mechanism for the State to ensure productive collaboration among MCOs, providers, and the State Office of Health Insurance Programs. As such, CHCANYS has advocated for changes to the model contract that would shore up some of the challenges mentioned above.

A9442A/S9207 would require minimal standards of transparency, providing stakeholders and taxpayers critical information about the expectations and requirements MCOs are required to uphold in the state's Medicaid managed care program and educating the public as to the state's responsibilities to enforce contractual requirements, thereby protecting care recipients, providers, and taxpayers.

**We strongly urge the State Senate to pass S9207.**

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