



State FY 2024-2025 Budget Priorities

- 🍏 **Provide a 25% Medicaid rate increase to community health centers (CHCs) and reform their Medicaid rates.**
 - Per the Urban Institute, on average, costs are 44% higher than the maximum allowable CHC Medicaid rate.
 - CHCs' base reimbursement rate was set in 1999/2000 and limited to marginal growth ever since.
 - (See A.7560 Paulin/S.6959 Rivera)

- 🍏 **Ensure full CHC telehealth reimbursement parity, regardless of patient or provider location.**
 - Correct disparities inherent in the current telehealth law by expanding the Governor's budget proposal to ensure CHCs receive their full in-person rate for services provided via telehealth.
 - (See A.7316 Paulin/S.6733 Rivera)

- 🍏 **Expand investments in Patient Centered Medical Homes (PCMH).**
 - Enhance the Governor's proposal by expanding per member per month rates for all PCMH payments by \$4.

- 🍏 **Allow medical assistants (MAs) to administer vaccinations under supervision.**
 - Support Governor's proposal to allow licensed physicians, nurse practitioners, and physician assistants to assign and supervise MAs' tasks related to immunizations in outpatient settings pursuant to training.

- 🍏 **Bolster the healthcare workforce.**
 - Support dental workforce initiatives: Allow dentists to administer vaccines related to a declared PHE and perform HIV, Hepatitis C, and hemoglobin A1C screening and tests; establish collaborative practice dental hygiene expand scope of practice for dental hygienists in eligible settings including CHCs.
 - Adopt legislation allowing New York to license and provide Medicaid reimbursement for dental therapists. (See A.5373 Woerner/S.4428 Fernandez)
 - Sustain workforce investments: Doctors Across New York, Nurses Across New York, Diversity in Medicine Program, Area Health Education Centers, and Rural Health Access Networks.
 - Support healthcare workforce initiatives: New York joining Interstate Medical and Nurse Licensure Compacts; expand the scope of practice for physicians, physician assistants, nurse practitioners, and pharmacists related to patient and non-patient specific standing orders and regimens.
 - Expand billable providers at CHCs, including doulas, CHWs, LMSWs, CASACs, and peer support workers.
 - Allow primary care clinics to deliver up to 49% of their total visit volume through behavioral health.

- 🍏 **Support healthcare coverage expansions for all New Yorkers, including undocumented immigrants.**
 - Adopt Coverage4All (See A.2030B Gonzalez-Rojas/S.2237B Rivera)
 - Support coverage expansion proposals: Ensure minors' confidential access to reproductive healthcare; protect codify access to contraception under the Reproductive Health Act; issue "standing order" for doula coverage.

- 🍏 **Expand Medicaid managed care oversight.**
 - Support proposals to allow DOH to impose liquidated damages for failing to comply with the model contract and to issue a procurement process for Medicaid managed care plans.

- 🍏 **Sustain and enhance existing investments in key health initiatives.**
 - Support full funding for enhanced care management and expanded access to comprehensive primary care services: NYRx reinvestment funds; Diagnostic & Treatment Center Uncompensated Care Safety Net Pool; Health Homes; School Based Health Centers; and Migrant & Seasonal Farm Workers program.