












## **State FY 2025-2026 Budget Priorities**

-  **Reform Community Health Center (CHC) Medicaid Rates (consistent with A.67 (Paulin)/S.4589 (Rivera))**
  - Per the Urban Institute, on average, CHC costs are 44% higher than their Medicaid rate. CHCs' base reimbursement rate was set in 1999/2000 and limited to marginal growth ever since.
  - CHCs are thwarted from providing the care that their patients deserve since they lack the financial resources to adequately meet the growing demand for services.
-  **Invest 15% of Managed Care Organization Tax revenue in primary care providers.**
  - The Executive budget allocates just 7% of MCO revenues for primary care, through appropriations for community health centers at \$10M state share and \$50M state share for an increase in the Medicaid physician fee schedule (which does not impact CHCs).
  - NYS should invest a total of **\$75M in CHCs** to stabilize safety net providers amidst federal uncertainty and achieve a 15% total investment in primary care.
-  **Ensure CHCs receive their full Medicaid payment when they deliver care via telehealth, regardless of patient or provider location. (See A.1691 Paulin/S.3359 Rivera)**
  - Correct disparities inherent in the current telehealth law to ensure CHCs receive their standard bundled reimbursement rate for services provided via telehealth, in alignment with other similarly situated providers.
-  **Allow medical assistants (MAs) to administer vaccinations under supervision.**
  - Support Governor Hochul's HMM budget Part V to allow licensed physicians and physician assistants to assign and supervise MAs' tasks related to immunizations.
-  **Support Governor's HMM Part L, removing requirement for consent to pay to occur after treatment.**
-  **Bolster the healthcare workforce.**
  - Maintain 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 Nurse Licensure Compacts; expand the scope of practice for physician assistants; establish the collaborative practice of dental hygiene.
  - Create a streamlined pathway to licensure for foreign trained dentists, consistent with A.8363A Woerner/S.9216 Stavisky (introduced in the 2024 legislative session).
-  **Keep School-Based Health Centers out of Medicaid Managed Care.**
-  **Expand Medicaid managed care oversight.**
  - Support proposal to allow DOH to penalize MCOs for failing to comply with the model contract.
-  **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.