
Budget Briefing for Health Justice Advocates February 11, 2022



Medicaid
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Coverage4All

Create a state-funded EP lookalike for excluded immigrants (S1572/A880)

- Income limit would be the same as for everyone else (currently 200% of the FPL)
- Similar but more expansive than California (state-funded Medicaid for people under 26, and over 50 beginning 2022) or Illinois (state-funded Medicaid for seniors)
- Could cover 46,000 people for \$345 million annually (out of 154,000 eligible)
- Recently passed both Health committees



Extending the Postpartum Medicaid for 12 months to everyone regardless of immigration status (S1411A/A0307A).

- Would cost an estimated \$30 million – less than one tenth of one percent of the State's Medicaid spending

End Medical Debt

S7625/A8441: Make it easier for patients to find out about, apply for, and receive hospital financial assistance.

Hospitals should:

- Use a uniform application
- Offer assistance up to 600% of the FPL instead of 300%
- Remove asset tests

S6522/A7363: Ban property liens and wage garnishments for medical debt judgments

- In 2017 and 2018, hospitals placed liens 4,880 patients' homes
- 10 states ban property liens and 3 states prohibit wage garnishments for medical debt

S2521/A3470B: Ban facility fees when insurance won't pay unless patients are notified and for all preventive care

- Connecticut found that hospitals had charged over \$1 billion in facility fees for outpatient services over two years
- They also found that mammograms were the most common service associated with facility fees



#ENDMEDICALDEBT

Safety-Net Provider Funding

A6883/S5954 would use \$300 million from the indigent care pool to increase Medicaid rates for Enhanced Safety Net Hospitals and qualified safety net hospitals.

- Indigent Care Pool funding is meant to support hospitals that serve low-income patients and uninsured patients
- Currently this funding goes to almost all hospitals, even those with few low-income patients
- If New York distributed ICP funding the way all other states do, the hospitals that serve the most low-income patients would have received \$13.4 billion more funding over the past 20 years

Borough	Hospital Beds per 1,000 Residents
Manhattan	6.4
Bronx	2.7
Staten Island	2.5
Brooklyn	2.2
Queens	1.5

Consumer Assistance Programs

Navigators: free enrollment assistance provided through a network of community-based organizations

- Cost-of-living increase from \$27.2 million to \$32 million (would be first since 2013)
- \$5 million to fund outreach in areas with the highest numbers of uninsured people

Community Health Advocates: post-enrollment assistance for over 30,000 New Yorkers every year

- \$2 million more from Legislature to add to the \$3.5 million in Executive Budget

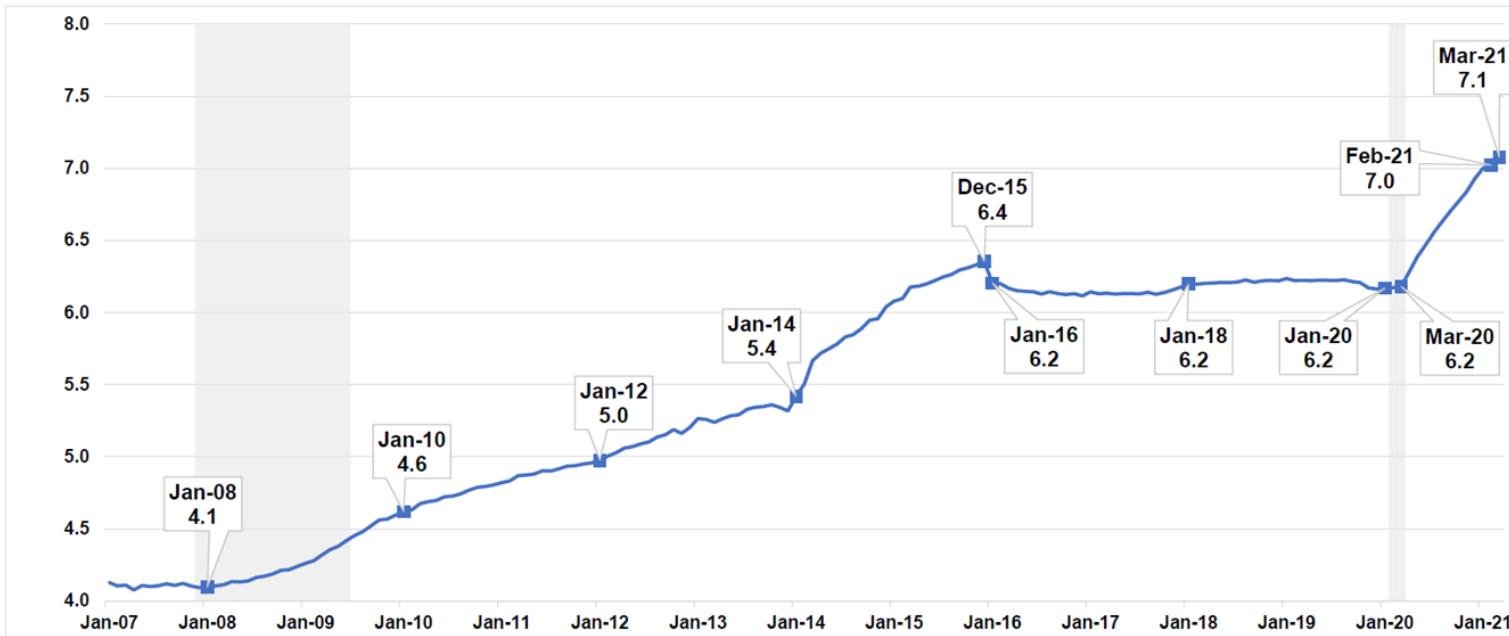
New York State	5.2%
Queens	9.3%
Cattaraugus	8.3%
Bronx	7.9%
St. Lawrence	7.0%
Kings	6.3%

Medicaid is...

- Public insurance coverage for low-income people and people with disabilities (1 in 3 New Yorkers are covered by Medicaid)
- Funded by the Federal, state and local governments
- Hotly contested in Albany because it comprises roughly one third of the state budget
- Comprehensive, affordable coverage in NY
- Not perfect!

Pandemic enrollment tells the story

DOH Medicaid Enrollment, 2007-2021
(in millions)



Source: New York State Department of Health (DOH).

Note: The two areas of light gray shading denote the recessionary periods from December 2007 to June 2009 and from February 2020 to April 2020, as identified by the National Bureau of Economic Research (NBER).



Key issues in the Governor's budget

- Medicaid income eligibility equity for older adults and people with disabilities
- Bonuses for the health care workforce
- Extension of the Medicaid spending cap

Eligibility equity

- The Governor's budget:
 - Medicaid income eligibility expansion from 84% to 138% of the FPL for older adults and people with disabilities
 - Elimination of the asset test
- We need:
 - The final budget must also include Medicare Savings Program eligibility expansion
 - A.9245, Gottfried / S.8228, May

Addressing the workforce crisis

- The Governor's budget:
 - One-time bonuses of \$500 to \$3000, depending on various factors
- We need:
 - Fair Pay for Home Care, which sets home care wages at 150% of the regional minimum wage
 - A.6329-A, Gottfried / S.5374-A, May

Medicaid spending cap

- The Governor's budget:
 - Extends it for an additional two years
 - Changes the methodology to allow for more spending, which could be problematic after next year
- We need:
 - Repeal the Medicaid cap
 - A.226, Gottfried / S.5255, Rivera

Thank you!

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"Every New Yorker deserves the dignity of having access to quality healthcare, especially during a public health crisis"

"Racism is a public health crisis"



- Gov. Kathy Hochul



Pass #Coverage4All in the budget

Immediate relief



Pass #FairPay4HomeCare in the budget

Strengthen healthcare workforce



#ScrapTheCap in the budget

Build a robust public health system



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Reduce predatory medical billing practices



#PassNYHealth

Systemic & comprehensive change

NYS Must Pass Universal Healthcare in 2022

The New York Health Act [A.6058/S.5474]



Universal

Everyone who lives or works in NY is included.



Comprehensive

Freedom to go to any doctor or hospital of your choice.

Covers more services than any public or private insurance plan.



Fiscally Responsible

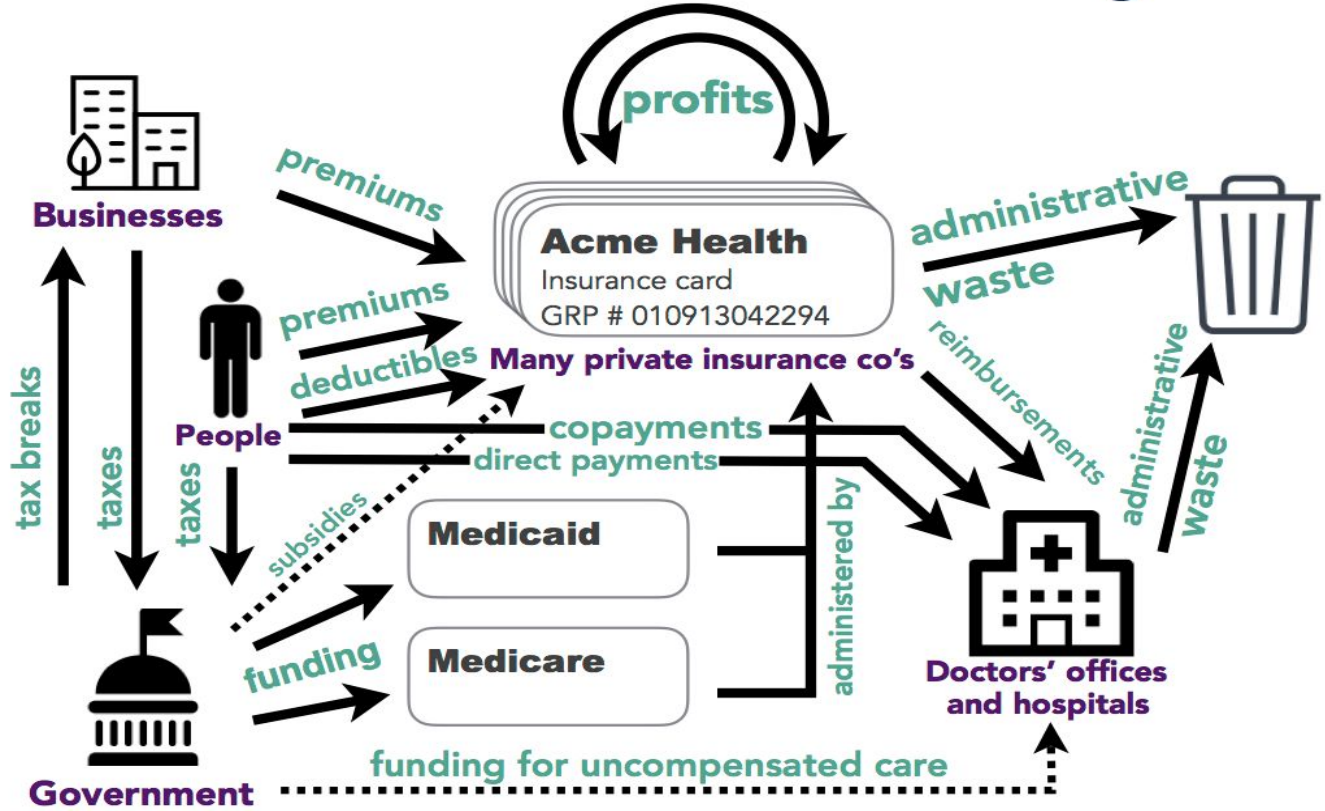
Funded fairly based on ability to pay. Individuals, businesses, NYS save money.



Single-Payer

Streamlines the payment for healthcare to one entity: a publicly-funded NY Health Trust. NYS pays the bill. No more deductibles, copays or out-of-pocket costs.

Our Current Healthcare "System"



Single Payer Universal Healthcare

it's just better!



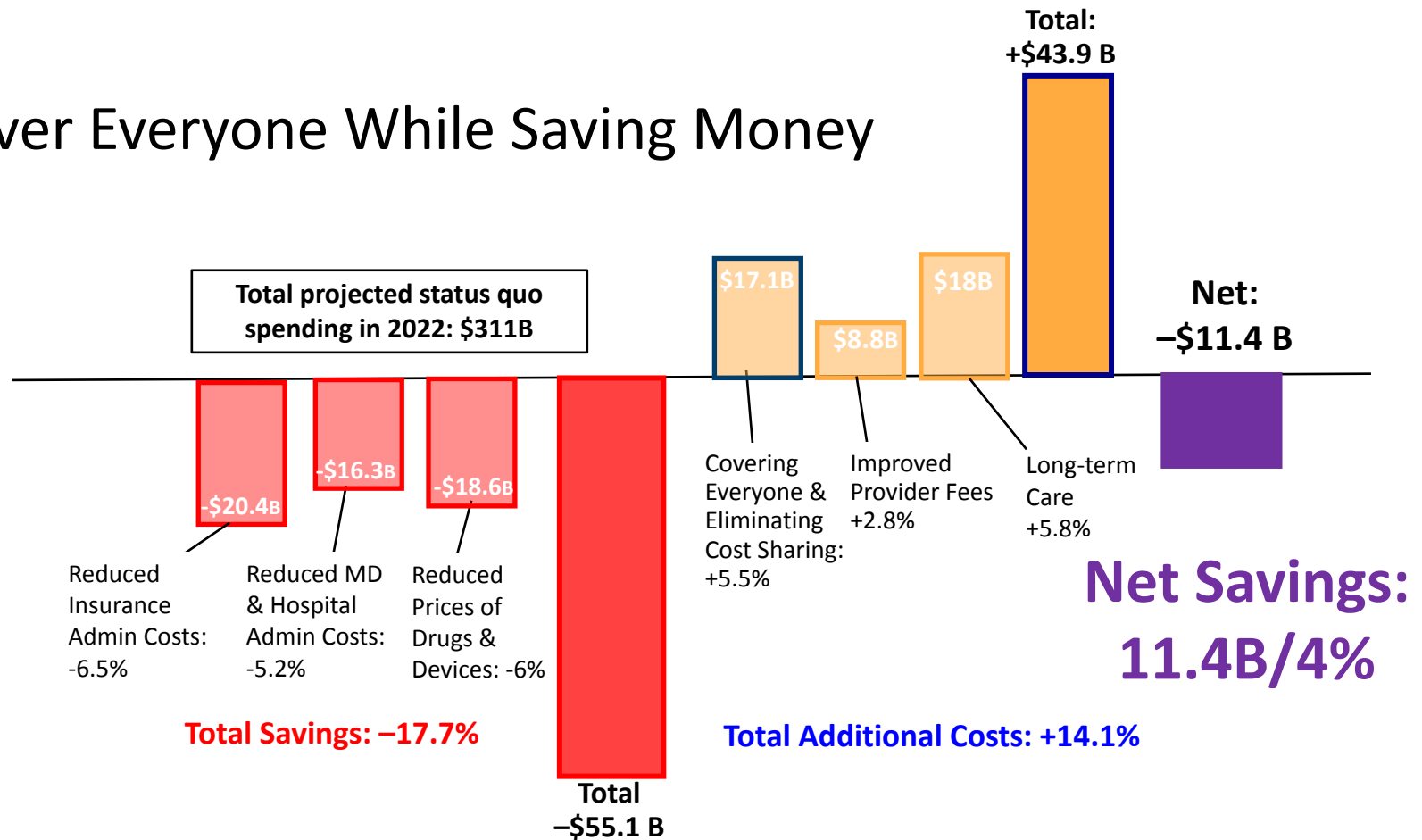
How does single payer healthcare work?

1 Businesses and residents pay affordable premiums to the government.

2 The government funds a public health insurance plan which reimburses doctors & hospitals for care provided.

3 **Everyone is covered. Period.**
It's that simple.

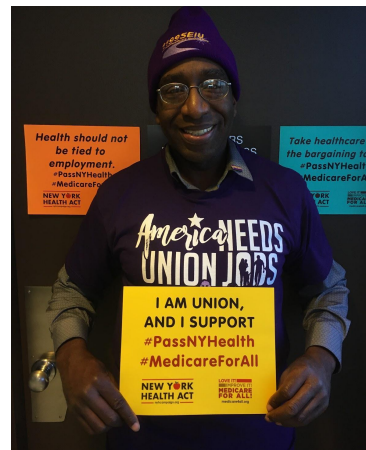
Cover Everyone While Saving Money



Guaranteed universal healthcare for racial & economic justice!

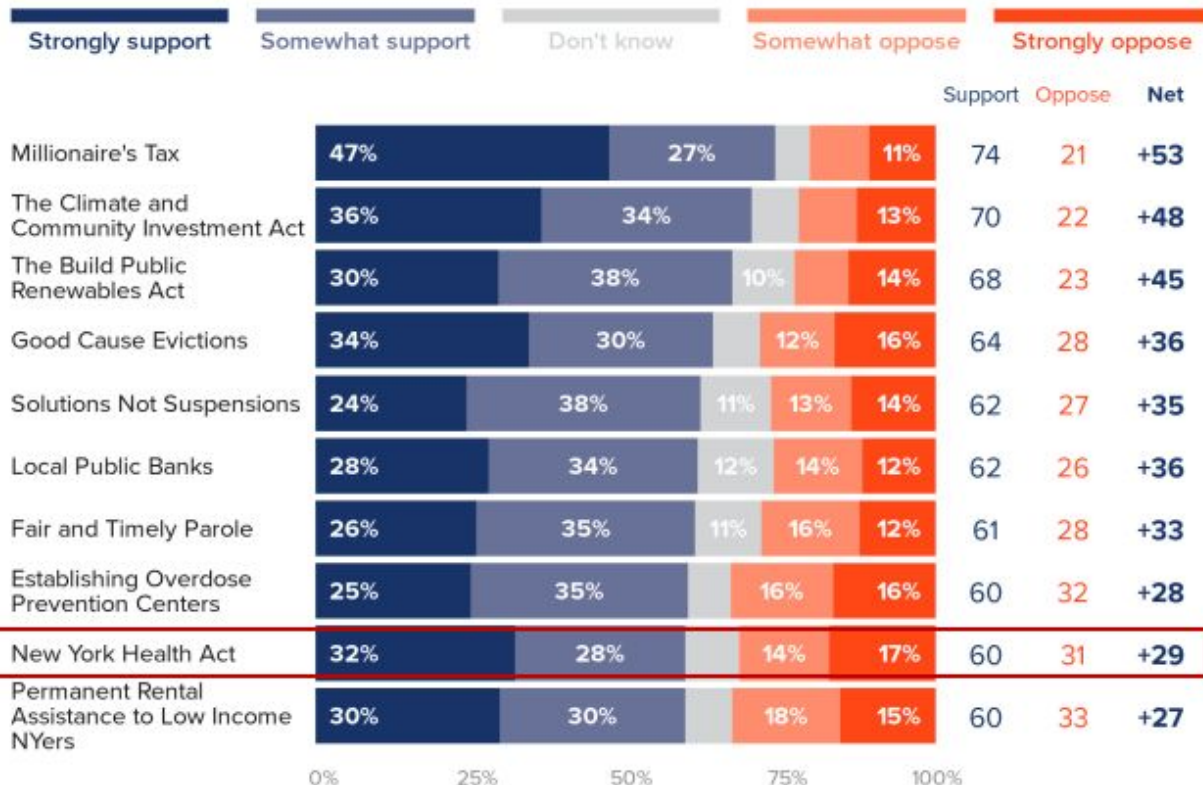


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A Strong Majority of New Yorkers Support Progressive Measures on Issues Including Housing, Climate, and Healthcare

Voters were told about various proposals and asked whether they supported or opposed each one.



MARCH 2021

**New York Health Act
reintroduced with
MAJORITY SUPPORT
in NYS Senate
& Assembly!**

A6058 / S5474

CAMPAIGN FOR
**NEW YORK
HEALTH**

ASSEMBLY 87 Cosponsors

SENATE 32 Cosponsors so far

LEADERSHIP

Senate Working Groups

AM Heastie did not bring to floor vote in 2021

LT. GOV HOCHUL: no public stance yet

BUDGET: January - April 1

THEN: April 1 - June 3

TAKE ACTION FOR HEALTH JUSTICE



Gov. Hochul and the NYS Legislature
must pass universal healthcare in 2022!



#PassNYHealth A6058/S5474

#Coverage4All A880/S1572

#EndMedicalDebt A7363/S6522
A3470B/S2521B
A8441/S7625

Morally just, fiscally responsible, and politically popular

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-  Fund healthcare for immigrant
& undocumented communities
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-  **#FairPay4HomeCare**
-  **#PassNYHealth**

Call, tweet, email lawmakers:

www.bit.ly/HealthBudgetAction2022

Follow on Twitter: @NYHCampaign, @MedicaidMtrsNY, @hcfany, @cssny

NYSNA @nynurses · 7m
Nurses and healthcare workers are fighting to curb #COVID19. We need NY electeds to do their part too. We can't have a health system where people are scared of the costs of accessing healthcare.

Tell @nysendems @NYSMA_Majority to #PassNYHealth now!

guaranteed care for all
NEW YORK HEALTH ACT

CAFC @cafc

Sean Owen @SeanEOwen

We know that illnesses like #COVID19 do not discriminate based on race, sex, gender, or immigration status. So why do we? NYers need the NY Health Act because we are only as healthy as the most vulnerable. Tell your electeds to #PassNYHealth: p2a.co/CDDPqr4

Medical decisions should be made between providers and patients, not by insurance bureaucrats! We will not tolerate any more deaths, illness or impoverishment due to lack of health insurance. Call on electeds to #PassNYHealth @NYGovCuomo @AndreasCousins @CariHeastie @NYHCampaign



Karines Reyes, R.N. Retweeted



Assembly Member Karines Reyes, R.N. @KarinesRey... · Jan 27
The time is now to pass the NY Health Act (A5248/S3577), the most humane and just legislative option from @DickGottfried and @NYSenatorRivera to ensure that all NYers get coverage.

This is especially relevant during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Cc. @NYHCampaign @hcfany #Coverage4All

CORONAVIRUS

A CASE FOR THE NEW YORK HEALTH ACT (NYHA)

PROBLEM CAUSED BY COVID-19	HOW NYHA HELPS SOLVE IT
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Not enough nurses and physicians to treat infected patients 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nurses and physicians will no longer spend 48% of their time on bureaucratic tasks, leaving more time for patients
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> People delaying or skipping medical care because of cost, resulting in spreading of the virus 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Patients have no out-of-pocket healthcare costs to worry about

dancers4nya @danceartistsnationalcollective
member @mikaela_sinclair is a freelance dancer and writer. She

Winn Periyasamy, MPH (She/They) @WPeriyasamy · Jan 27
Jeremy Cooney ROC on #PassNYHealth: "10 years ago, I was a young law school grad & my mom (was in the early stages of dementia). I left law practice to become a full-time caretaker. The healthcare system wasn't working for my family and isn't worked for all of us."



Dr. Rachel May @SRachelMay

ur piecemeal, employer-based health insurance system means that when people lose their jobs, families lose their health care coverage. There is a better way. #PassNYHealth

New York State Poor People's Campaign @nyppcc
NYers are hurting from COVID-19 & cruel austerity measures, impacting Black & Brown communities most. From health, housing, voting, education, & over-policing to incarceration. We need to #InvestInOurNY, #PassNYHealth, and more. Call your electeds now: p2a.co/Z5Yzr07



We can't have racial justice without guaranteed, universal healthcare.

#PassNYHealth



1:57 PM · Jan 27, 2021 · Twitter for iPhone

Jess Wisneski @jesswisneski · Jan 27
Our current "healthcare" system is a sickcare system, takes homes & savings, doesn't treat mental or dental health. We can & must do better #PassNYHealth for all NYers as part of a just #COVID19 recovery!

Progressive Doctors @progressiveMDs · Jan 27
Our patients in NY deserve healthcare. No financial exploitation.

For a JUST recovery from COVID, we need guaranteed healthcare NOW.

#PassNYHealth

Ravi Mangla @ravi_mangla · Jan 27
Private insurers are raking in record Health justice lives at the interese justice. And I'm glad we finally ha for health care for all. #PassNYH

Major U.S. Health Profits, Benefiting

New York StateWide Senior.
We are staying home to do our electeds to do their part too. 1 people are scared of the cost! @nysendems @NYSMA_Majority #PassNYHealth: p2a.co/CDD

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Text

“NYHEALTH”

to 52886

**STAY UP TO DATE
ON HOW WE WILL
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#EndMedicalDebt

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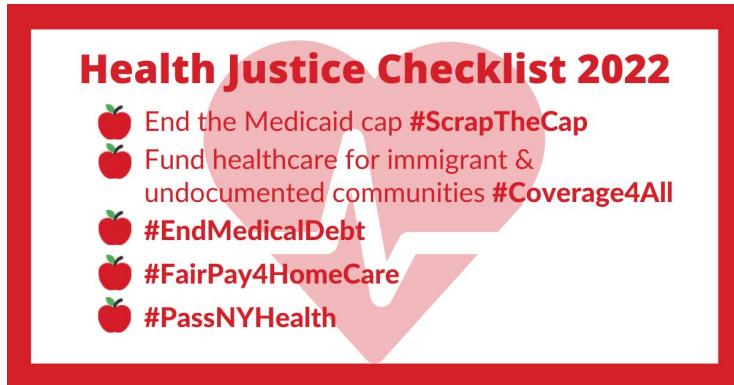
A3470B/S2521B would require notifying patients about facility fees ahead of time and prohibit facility fees for preventive services

A8441/S7625 would ensure that New Yorkers are aware of financial assistance options

Get your organizations to [sign a letter of support](#) to End Medical Debt!

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Get the tools you need to be a Coverage4All ambassador at Train the Trainer [event](#) – February 13, 6:00
- Valentine’s Day social media actions for #PassNYHealth Monday 2/14
- Wednesday February 16th social media Day of Action for Ellen Bilofsky
- Register for the Coverage Expansion [workshop](#) – February 17, 1:00
- Register for the End Medical Debt [workshop](#) – February 18, 2:00
- RSVP [HERE](#) to join us for NYS Poor People’s Campaign The Right To Health Truth Commission Tuesday, February 22, 2022, 6:30 PM



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*Be my valentine,
Senator
Stewart-
Cousins*

Bring me to a vote!

xoxo,

NEW YORK HEALTH ACT

GUARANTEED HEALTHCARE FOR ALL



**THE RIGHT TO HEALTH
AND THE 3RD RECONSTRUCTION**

A TRUTH COMMISSION ON HEALTHCARE

**TUESDAY FEBRUARY 22 | 630-830PM ET
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LABOR-RELIGION COALITION
NEW YORK NURSES ASSOCIATION
NEW YORK HEALTH
NEW YORK HEALTH CARE WORKERS UNION
PINHP

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