

MSSNY's 2017 Legislative Advocacy Priorities

- **Support** legislation for the right of independently practicing physicians to come together to negotiate patient terms with health insurance companies. (A.4472, Gottfried / S.3663, Hannon)

- **Support** the Medical Liability reform Act which would enact a number of needed reforms to bring down the exorbitant cost of medical liability insurance in New York State.(S.4913, Schimminger)



- **Oppose** legislation that would increase lawsuits and premium costs for physicians.(A.3339, Weinstein/ S.4080, DeFrancisco)

- **Support** legislation that seeks to assure that those who make “medical necessity” determinations on behalf of health insurance companies practice the same specialty as the physician recommending treatment (A.2539, Gottfried)

- **Oppose** legislation that would authorize corporate-owned “retail” clinics which would disrupt the independence of medical decision-making and the integrity of doctor-patient relationship. (A.958, Paulin)

- **Support** the placement of restrictions on e-cigarettes in accordance with the provisions of the Clean Indoor Air Act, prohibiting the use of these vapor products on school grounds and by school bus drivers. (A.516, Rosenthal/S.2543, Hannon)





Issues contained in the Governor's 2017-18 Proposed Budget

- **Support** Budget funding to cover the outstanding claims payments for care provided to patients insured by collapsed insurer Health Republic.

- **Oppose** legislation that would impose a unwieldy and cumbersome requirement to receive a “tax clearance” as a pre-condition to receiving Excess Medical Malpractice Insurance coverage.

- **Oppose** the proposal that would inappropriately expand scope of practice and permit pharmacists to enter into a comprehensive medication management protocol with nurse practitioners.



- **Oppose** the creation of the Health Care Regulation Team that would be responsible for reviewing ways to restructure healthcare statutes and regulations, such as Scope of Practice Laws, and enabling demonstration programs to implement recommendations without legislative approval.



- **Oppose** the repeal of “Prescriber Prevails” that currently exists in Medicaid and Medicaid Managed Care that will force physicians to go through even more burdensome prior authorization requirements.

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