



## MEDICAL SOCIETY OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK (MSSNY) FY2024-25 BUDGET PRIORITIES

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### **MSSNY SUPPORTS**

- \$74 million for enhanced payments in Patient Centered Medical Home program.
- Increased Medicaid rates for care to those with intellectual, physical or mental disabilities.
- \$55 million to establish 200 new inpatient psychiatric beds.
- Reducing Interest Rate on court judgments from 9% to prevailing market rate.
- \$315 million to provide Enhanced subsidies for purchase of commercial health insurance coverage in NYS Exchange (up to 350% of FPL).
- Continuing Telehealth insurance coverage payment parity for an additional year.
- Permitting Medical Assistants to provide immunizations.
- Additional loan repayment programs for psychiatrists and primary care physicians who make a 4-year commitment to devote a substantial portion of their practice to treating patients insured by Medicaid.



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### **MSSNY OPPOSES**

- Repealing authorization for the MSSNY's Committee for Physicians Health (CPH) program. This proposal comes only one year after the Administration proposed continuing the program for 10 years and a final agreement to preserve it until 2028.
- Requiring physicians to pay 50% of the Excess Medical Malpractice coverage cost- proposal that previous, recent Legislatures have rejected – a nearly \$40 million hit to community physicians across the state.
- Permitting Physicians Assistants (PAs) to practice without any physician supervision or collaboration after 8,000 clinical hours if they practice in primary care or are employed by a hospital.
- Permitting dentists to provide certain COVID, flu and HPV vaccinations, and authorizes them to perform screening tests for HIV, Hepatitis and Diabetes.
- Extend authority of Nurse Practitioners to practice without physician collaboration for another two years.
- Increased prior authorization hassles for Medicaid prescriptions by repealing "prescriber prevails" protections.
- Authorizing pharmacists to test and dispense for PreP pursuant to non-patient specific order.
- Removing opportunity to bring Medicaid Managed Care claims to independent dispute resolution (IDR).



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