

Embrace commonsense workforce policies, innovative care models and protections against insurers and Big Pharma

We need fiscal support and sound policies to address the many challenges facing New York's vast, complex healthcare system. HANYS supports meaningful proposals that would bolster the healthcare workforce, foster innovation and expand access to new models of care, and hold commercial health insurers, pharmaceutical companies and pharmacy benefit managers accountable.

HANYS urges the Legislature to advance these commonsense policies that would add minimal or no new costs to the state.

Support our healthcare workforce

Join interstate licensure compacts. Authorize New York state to join the 42 states that participate in the Nurse Licensure Compact, as proposed in the executive budget. Also, add language authorizing New York state to join the 43 states that are part of the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact. (Part W of S.3007/A.3007)

Staffing flexibilities. Maximize the skills and education of our current healthcare professionals by:

- allowing experienced **physician assistants** to practice without the supervision of a physician;
- authorizing certified **medication aides** to administer routine and prefilled medications in residential healthcare facilities;
- allowing **medical assistants** under the supervision of a physician or PA to draw and administer immunizations to patients in an outpatient setting;
- allowing **dental hygienists** to provide certain services that currently only a dentist is allowed to perform;
- creating **collaborative practice dental hygiene**, allowing registered dental hygienists to provide certain services without supervision, in accordance with a written practice agreement with a licensed dentist;
- authorizing **licensed pharmacists** to administer COVID-19 vaccines to children two years of age or older and prescribe and order FDA-approved medications to treat nicotine dependence;
- authorizing trained and registered **pharmacy technicians** to administer the same immunizations as licensed pharmacists under the direct supervision of a pharmacist; and
- allowing **paramedics** to order and administer controlled substances to relieve acute withdrawal symptoms. (Proposals in Parts V and X of S.3007/A.3007)

Ensure the right care in the right place to meet growing patient demand

Support Hospital at Home. Authorize hospitals to provide acute inpatient medical services to established patients in their homes. (Part Y of S.3007/A.3007)

Modernize EMS. Advance policies that would strengthen and modernize the state's emergency medical services and allow hospitals and emergency medical technicians to provide more care to patients in their homes and communities. (Part R of S.3007/A.3007)



Stabilize and Strengthen New York's Hospitals and Nursing Homes | Protect New Yorkers' Access to Care

Reform damaging policies

Protect the federal 340B drug pricing program. Add language to prohibit pharmaceutical companies and pharmacy benefit managers from imposing discriminatory practices that weaken 340B program benefits for already financially challenged hospitals, health centers and other safety net providers. (S.1913)

Authorize liquidation of damages on health insurers. Increase managed care organization compliance with certain performance standards and contract obligations under state and federal regulations by authorizing DOH to recover up to \$25,000 in liquidated damages from MCOs that fail to meet these standards. (Part E of S.3007/A.3007)

Ensure network adequacy. Require DOH to review health plan network adequacy standards, including considering regional variations, and strengthen the surveillance, monitoring and enforcement of the standards to ensure New Yorkers have meaningful and timely access to care.

The final SFY 2025-2026 budget must stabilize and strengthen our hospitals and nursing homes.

Everyone's health relies on the stability of our state's healthcare system. State policymakers must act now to set our healthcare providers on a path to stability and sustainability. HANYS urges lawmakers to:

1. Support and build upon investments in healthcare.
2. Embrace commonsense workforce policies, innovative care models and protections against insurers and Big Pharma.
3. Reject funding cuts and damaging policy proposals.