



NYHA on Assembly Health Agenda

The Assembly Health Committee will convene Monday at 10 a.m. and the New York Health Act (“NYHA”) is on the agenda. We expect the bill to be reported out of committee as it has in recent years. But as we saw in 2019, passing out of the Health committee does not necessarily mean it will pass the Assembly. The bill must also go through the Codes, Ways & Means and Rules Committees before it can be brought to the Floor for a vote of the full Assembly. So we want to ensure our voice is heard this week and lawmakers are aware of the consequences of enacting a single payer system.

A statement from Realities will go out to reporters tomorrow. The press release will hit on several points:

- the state's insured rate has remained stable at about 95% throughout the pandemic due to the access, affordability and choices offered by the current health plan marketplace which relies on a partnership of government programs and the private sector's support;
- the recently passed state budget built upon the existing system which, through eliminating Essential Plan premiums and out-of-pocket expenses will further reduce the number of uninsured and enhance affordability in the individual market;
- the NYHA would not only increase taxes at an historic level, but reduce quality of care, create massive job losses, and force all New Yorkers to have a one-size-fits-all government run health care plan.

We strongly encourage all coalition members to either release a statement or submit a Memo in Opposition. [Here](#) is a sample MIO you could use. Please do not hesitate to [reach out](#) if you would like assistance in writing or distributing materials.

When posting to social media, please tag Realities (@SinglePayFacts on Twitter) so that we can make sure we share and engage with all of your posts. We have been using the hashtag #NoNYHealthAct

If you would like to be considered for any press interviews, [let us know](#). It will allow us to respond quicker to reporter inquiries when we know who is available.

Realities Resources

Useful Links and Information

[New York State 2021 Legislative Session Calendar](#)

[New York Health Act: Cost vs Tax Increase](#)

[What is ERISA? Does it impact the New York Health Act?](#)

[Frequently Asked Questions about the New York Health Act](#)

[Myths and Facts about the New York Health Act](#)

[Single Payer PowerPoint Presentation](#)

[Sample Opposition Memo](#)

[RAND Study on Single Payer](#)
