



New York Health Act Reintroduced

The amended version of the New York Health Act was reintroduced today:
[S.5474/A.6058](#)

None of the changes to the bill address any of the coalition's concerns. It is still a disruptive, expensive, government-run single payer proposal. Some of the amendments include:

- an increase in the number of representatives to the board of trustees of organizations representing health care professionals other than physicians;
- the ability for members of the board of trustees and the regional advisory councils to be compensated;
- an expansion of the types of organizations that must be consulted in developing standards for care coordinators

There are **33 sponsors** in the Senate, now giving them a clear majority:

RIVERA, RAMOS, ADDABBO, BAILEY, BENJAMIN, BIAGGI, BRISPORT, BROOKS, BROUK, COMRIE, COONEY, GIANARIS, GOUNARDES, HARCKHAM, HINCHEY, HOYLMAN, JACKSON, KAVANAGH, KENNEDY, KRUEGER, LIU, MAY, MAYER, MYRIE, PARKER, PERSAUD, REICHLIN-MELNICK, SALAZAR, SANDERS, SEPULVEDA, SERRANO, STAVISKY, THOMAS

The Assembly version has **80 sponsors**, which is also a majority:

GOTTFRIED, ABINANTI, ANDERSON, BARRETT, BARRON, BENEDETTO, BICHOTTE, HERMELYN, BRONSON, BURDICK, CAHILL, CARROLL, CLARK, COLTON, COOK, CRUZ, CYMBROWITZ, DE LA ROSA, DICKENS, DILAN, DINOWITZ, ENGLEBRIGHT, EPSTEIN, FALL, FERNANDEZ, FRONTUS, GALLAGHER, GONZALEZ-ROJAS, HUNTER, HYNDMAN, JACKSON, JEAN-PIERRE, JOYNER, KELLES, KIM, LAVINE, LUNSFORD, LUPARDO, MAMDANI, MEEKS, MITAYNES, NIOU,

PAULIN, PEOPLES-STOKES, PERRY, PHEFFER
AMATO, PICHARDO, RAJKUMAR,
RAMOS, REYES, RICHARDSON, J. RIVERA, RODRIGUEZ, L. ROSENTHAL,
SAYEGH,
SEAWRIGHT, SILLITTI, SIMON, SOLAGES, FORREST,
STECK, STIRPE, TAYLOR,
THIELE, VANEL, WALKER, WALLACE, WEPRIN,
WILLIAMS AUBRY, DAVILA, FAHY, GALEF, GLICK, GUNTHER,
MAGNARELLI,
O'DONNELL, PRETLOW, QUART, D. ROSENTHAL, ROZIC

According to interviews from Assemblyman Richard Gottfried and Senator Gustavo Rivera in Politico, they are planning to take up the bill post-budget.

“What makes us very excited for this coming year is, not only that we now have a majority in both houses co-sponsoring the bill, but the majority in both houses have really changed as a result of last year's elections,” Gottfried told POLITICO. “We have a lot more members in both houses who not only are co-sponsoring the bill, but campaigned on it as an issue: told their voters this was a priority.”

“Now it’s about increasing the pressure by making sure that we make the case — and now I will have 32 colleagues, along with me — to their constituency, to the state and to our leader, that is something that we need to move,” Rivera said in an interview. “I remain convinced — from its introduction, and from the time that I signed up to be the prime sponsor — that health care is a human right: that we have an obligation as a state, that we have an obligation as government, to guarantee it to every single person.”

We know that in the past, Governor Cuomo has been opposed to a State-level single payer plan, saying that he was supportive of the concept on a federal level. Although he was quoted saying that if a bill made it to his desk, he would sign it, it is not clear if that is still true given all of the changes that have occurred in both New York and on the national political front.

Next Steps

We will issue a press release shortly in response to this newest version of the New York Health Act. Then we will need your help to educate New Yorkers about the bill and its consequences. Ways to get involved:

- Issue a press release
- Submit an Op-Ed
- Release a Memo in Opposition
- Write a letter to your Legislator
- Get vocal on social media #NoNYHealthAct

If you would like assistance crafting any of the above, [let us know](#).

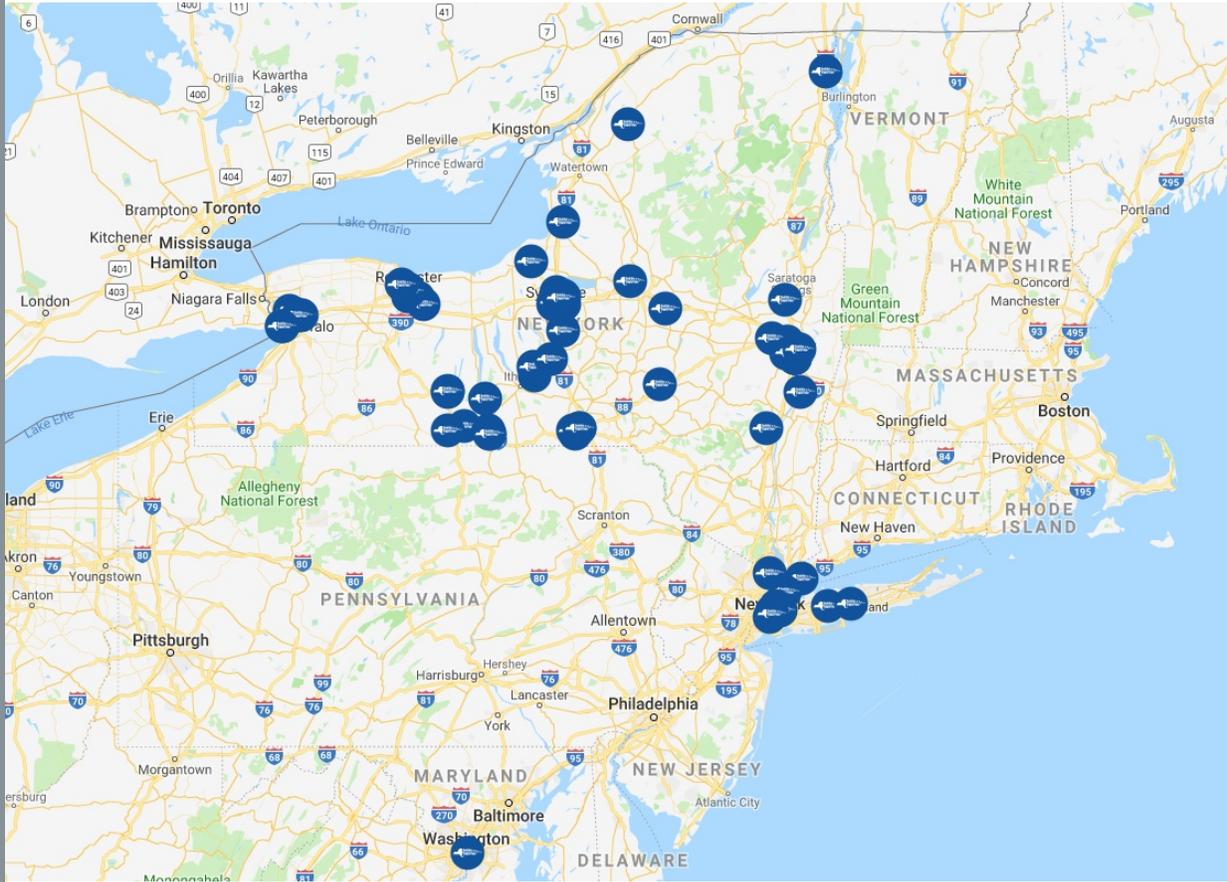
Growing the Coalition

Help us expand our membership in 2021! The coalition is currently 90 members strong. We would like to get to 100 this session.

If you know an organization that also supports allowing a variety of healthcare

coverage options rather than forcing all New Yorkers to use a single government-run health insurance program, direct them to the 'Join' section on our website. We are also happy to speak to potential members or provide you with customized materials you can use to recruit potential allies.

Visit our
website



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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](#)

