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Final Week of Session!

There are just four days remaining in the Legislative Session. While it appears unlikely that the bill will go to the floor for a vote now, this is Albany so never say never. Therefore, it is important to finish the week strong.

Memos in Opposition

There is still time to submit a Memo in Opposition! We also have a [sample MIO](#) that you can use as a template, or we can help write them.

Please share your memos by [emailing](#) us. We will compile them and make sure Legislators and key staff register your opposition.

VoterVoice

Another easy way to share your opposition right now is to send a message to your local Senate and Assembly members through our Action page.

- Click "Take Action!" below
- Enter your name and contact information
- Click "Send Message"
- **Share the link with your members and employees!**

TAKE ACTION!

To directly contact your local Legislators or Legislative leaders in other ways,

see the following list for email addresses, district phone numbers and district addresses:

[Senate and Assembly Contact List](#)

Single Payer Supporter "Die-In"



Supporters of the New York Health Act staged a march and die-in on the streets of Albany today, blocking traffic outside the State Capitol. It was their final attempt to pressure Legislators to pass the Single Payer bill during this Legislative Session. We released a [statement](#) in response to the rally.

Assembly Health Committee Chair Richard Gottfried [during an interview](#) on Friday admitted that there are a number of Legislators who are signed on to the bill but are expressing serious concerns behind the scenes.

Open Letter Published



The open letter is getting a lot of traction! Today it appeared in: the Buffalo News, Democrat & Chronicle, Times Union and Journal News. It will be published in the Post-Standard tomorrow.

It's also available on the Realities of Single Payer [website](#) so please feel free to share!

Politico Newsletter Exclusive Sponsorship



We have an exclusive sponsorship in Politico's Health Newsletter this week, which is key reading for many State Legislators. It includes images as seen above and two different sections with text that read:

Albany politicians are pushing a Single Payer health plan that would demolish our healthcare system. It bans any form of private insurance, eliminating all

choice, forcing all 20 million New Yorkers into an untested, one-size-fits-all government-run system. It would eliminate 160,000 jobs and raise state taxes by \$250 Billion per year. Doctors and hospitals would see their funding decimated. Seniors would lose their Medicare coverage. Union members would lose the benefits they earned. [Learn More.](#)

Albany politicians are at it again. New Yorkers already face the highest taxes in the country but state legislators want to add at least \$250 Billion in new taxes for a Single Payer health plan that eliminates our health insurance and forces us into a one-size-fits-all Albany-run health plan. It will cost 160,000 jobs and increase wait times for vital care. They will increase our taxes and take away our choice. And they won't even tell us how much we will end up paying. What are they trying to hide? Tell Albany politicians to get their hands out of our wallets and oppose the New York Health Act Single Payer plan. [Learn More.](#)

Sponsored Op-Eds

We have a couple sponsored Op-Eds in the [Empire Report](#), another publication that is a must-read for State Legislators. This Wednesday, June 9, look for a piece from Wendy Darwell of the Suburban Hospital Alliance explaining the recent state and federal measures taken to approve affordability of health care, and the negative impact the NYHA would have on providers and access to care.

The other Op-Ed was submitted by George Knauer, a Medicare recipient who fears what a Single Payer health care system would mean for him and other New Yorkers his age.



As a satisfied Medicare member, the idea of single payer ...

I am one of the millions of New Yorkers who have Medicare coverage. It is coverage I depend on and that I like. However, now it is in jeopardy. Albany politicians are pushing a single payer-style, government-run health insurance system.

[Read more](#)

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NY Now Interview

The New York Health Act was topic of discussion on the PBS public affairs

program NY Now. Host Dan Clark sat down with Lev Ginsburg from The Business Council of NYS and Ed Farrell from the Retired Public Employees Association. Ed explained the many concerns that retirees have with a Single Payer health plan and Lev laid out the reasons Single Payer would be bad for taxpayers and the economy. Watch the interview below.



Realities Resources

Useful Links and Information

[Realities Member Toolkit](#)

[Webinar: Understanding the New York Health Act](#)

[Economic Impact of the New York Health Act](#)

[Webinar: The New York Health Act & ERISA](#)

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

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

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

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

[Sample Opposition Memo](#)

[RAND Study on Single Payer](#)

