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SENATE – S5474

- 34 Cosponsors
- Pending in Health Committee

ASSEMBLY – A6058

- 82 Cosponsors
- Released from Health Committee – 4/19
- Pending in Codes Committee

KEY CHANGES FROM 2020:

- Coverage extended to full-time employees who live out of state (NY “resident” updated to anyone who lives, works, or is self employed in NY)
- Exempts first \$25,000 of all income from taxation, and first \$50,000 for any Medicare enrollee
- Ensures clinics continue to receive benefit from 340B
- Provider reimbursements to be FFS using “Usual & Customary” rates
- Financed with payroll tax – employers to pay “at least 80% - and “other taxable income”

This morning we hosted a webinar on the New York Health Act with somewhat of a focus on Upstate New York. We covered the key points in the legislation and the current status in both houses; the impact Single Payer would have on employers, employees and the overall economy; voter sentiment about health care coverage; issues surrounding the legality of the legislation and more.

The full webinar including the presentation and Q&A can be found under the Members Only section of the Realities [website](#).

Coming Soon: Open Letter!



We are amplifying our voice and running an open letter in multiple newspapers, urging all legislators to oppose Single Payer.

The full-page ad will be seen across the state during the week of June 6: The Buffalo News, Rochester Democrat & Chronicle, Syracuse Post-Standard, Albany Times Union, Westchester Journal News and Newsday on Long Island.

The open letter will lay out the reasons why New York State legislators should oppose the New York Health Act and it will list our 120+ coalition members.

If you would NOT like to be listed in the open letter, please [let us know](#).

New Coalition Members

We've added 22 new members to the coalition in the past week!

MACNY

WNY Pediatric Gastroenterology

Council of Industry

Rochester Technology and Manufacturing Association

Commerce Chenango

John R. Steele & Associates

Human Technologies Corporation

Knapp & Schlappi Lumber Co.

Onondaga Golf and Country Club

Hayes Construction

Fingerlakes Electric Supply Co.

Northeastern Subcontractors Association

Rylex Enterprises

G&E Therapies

Greater Utica Chamber of Commerce

Omnia Advanced Materials

ComTon

Cherry Lawn Fruit Farms

Novem Benefits

Swan Morss Insurance

Second Nature Wellness Group

Hartloff Benefits

Keep Up the Pressure!

There are less than three weeks remaining in the Legislative Session. The New York Health Act has not moved in either house but we need to continue to apply the pressure on legislators to ensure the bill does not get to the floor for a vote. If it makes it to the floor for a vote in one house, it is likely both the Senate and Assembly will vote on it — and pass it considering it has majority support.

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](#)

New York Health Act Tracker



[S.5474/A.6058](#)

No updates. The bill is not on Assembly or Senate agendas.

Troubling Trends Fact Sheet



THE MASSIVE PAYROLL TAX INCLUDED IN NEW YORK'S SINGLE PAYER PROPOSAL WOULD FORCE MORE SMALL BUSINESSES TO CLOSE THEIR DOORS.

A new fact sheet released by coalition member Upstate United highlights the consequences a Single Payer health care system would have on employers, employees and the economy overall. The government-run health plan would eliminate more than 160,000 jobs in New York State and require more than \$250 Billion in new taxes.

[Click here to view the fact sheet.](#)

Realities Resources

Useful Links and Information

[Realities Member Toolkit](#)

[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](#)

