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NYSAFP 2019-20 Budget/ Legislative Priorities

The New York State Academy of Family Physicians (NYSAFP) represents over 6,000 physicians, residents, and students across New York State. Listed below are NYSAFP's 2019-20 priorities for discussion during the March 18th lobby day.

Budget Priorities

SUPPORT: Medicaid Primary Care Rate Increase (Budget)

NYSAFP strongly supports the Executive Budget proposal to increase to the practitioner fee schedule for both office and institutional places of service for the primary care codes (99201-99205 and 99211-99215) along with Maternity and other high priority ambulatory. The goal is to increase from 40-50% of Medicare (where we are now depending on code and setting) to 100 percent of Medicare over three years (60 percent year one, 80 percent year two, 100 percent year three). This would apply to physicians, nurse practitioners and midwives. NPs and Midwives. We know that access to high quality primary care improves patient health and wellness while also reducing costs. The State must do more to invest in primary care and this proposal is it a very important step which will help increase the number of Medicaid providers serving patients. We urge that the Legislature include this proposal in the Final State Budget.

SUPPORT: Doctors Across New York (Budget)

NYSAFP supports the Executive Budget proposal to maintain funding of the Doctors Across New York (DANY) at \$9,065,000 to be used for physician loan repayment and physician practice support programs. The NYSAFP commends the success of the DANY program. It has assisted physicians with educational debt; and provided support to physicians joining and establishing practices in underserved areas. Both of these accomplishments have encouraged more physicians to practice in underserved areas of the state and therefore benefitted the health of New York's citizens by increasing access to health care. We urge continued funding for DANY in the Final State Budget.

SUPPORT: Excess Medical Malpractice Program (Budget)

NYSAFP also supports the Executive Budget proposal to maintain \$127,400,000 in funding for the Excess Medical Malpractice Program. The Program provides a crucial second layer of protection for our physicians to supplement their own medical liability insurance and protect their personal assets. Of course, we believe comprehensive medical malpractice reform is essential to provide a permanent solution to this longstanding problem. We urge continued funding for this program in the Final State Budget.

OPPOSE: Across-the-Board Medicaid Cuts (Budget)

NYSAFP is opposed to the proposal included in the SFY 2020 Executive Budget (30-day amendments) to impose an across-the-board cut on Medicaid claims for the period of April 1, 2019 to March 31, 2021. The proposal would cut Medicaid providers by \$190.2 million (state share) or \$380.4 million total in SFY 2019-20 and SFY 2020-21. This the cut would implemented as an across-the-board 0.8 percent reduction in Medicaid provider reimbursement. We believe the State should be investing in primary care as discussed above. This is a significant cut that will do just the opposite and harm patient access to primary care and other needed health care services. We urge the rejection of this cut in the Final State Budget.

SUPPORT: Universal healthcare coverage through a single payer health system
New York Health - A.5248 (Gottfried)/S.3577 (Rivera)

Status: Assembly Codes & Senate Health

Sponsors:

ASSEMBLY: GOTTFRIED, ABINANTI, BARRETT, BARRON, BENEDETTO, BICHOTTE, BLAKE, BRONSON, BURKE, CAHILL, CARROLL, COLTON, COOK, CRESPO, CRUZ, CYMBROWITZ, DE LA ROSA, DICKENS, DILAN, DINOWITZ, D'URSO, ENGLEBRIGHT, EPSTEIN, FERNANDEZ, FRONTUS, GANTT, HUNTER, HYNDMAN, JAFFEE, JEAN-PIERRE, JOYNER, KIM, LAVINE, LIFTON, LUPARDO, M. G. MILLER, MOSLEY, NIOU, ORTIZ, PAULIN, PEOPLES-STOKES, PERRY, PHEFFER AMATO, PICHARDO, RAMOS, REYES, RICHARDSON, RIVERA, RODRIGUEZ, L. ROSENTHAL, SEAWRIGHT, SIMON, SIMOTAS, SOLAGES, STECK, STIRPE, TAYLOR, THIELE, TITUS, VANEL, WALKER, WALLACE, WEINSTEIN, WEPRIN, WILLIAMS, WRIGHT, ZEBROWSKI, SAYEGH; M-S: Arroyo, Aubry, Davila, DenDekker, Fahy, Galef, Glick, Gunther, Lentol, Magnarelli, O'Donnell, Pretlow, Quart, Rozic

SENATE: RIVERA, RAMOS, ADDABBO, BAILEY, BENJAMIN, BIAGGI, BRESLIN, CARLUCCI, COMRIE, GIANARIS, HARCKHAM, HOYLMAN, JACKSON, KAVANAGH, KRUEGER, LIU, MAY, METZGER, MONTGOMERY, MYRIE, PARKER, PERSAUD, SALAZAR, SANDERS, SEPULVEDA, SERRANO, STAVISKY

SUPPORT: Physician Protection Act to ensure physicians are protected against assaults in the workplace similar to other professionals
S.1903 (Funke)/ A2460 (Joyner)

Status: Senate & Assembly Codes

Sponsors:

ASSEMBLY: JOYNER, FERNANDEZ, DICKENS, ORTIZ, SEAWRIGHT, RIVERA, MOSLEY, NIOU, D'URSO, ARROYO, SIMON, LAVINE, COOK, L. ROSENTHAL; M-S: Abbate, Crespo, Englebright

SENATE: FUNKE

SUPPORT: Expansion of Childhood Vaccinations by repealing non-medical exemptions from vaccination requirements for children
S.2994 (Hoylman)/ A.2371 (Dinowitz)

Status: Senate & Assembly Health

Sponsors:

ASSEMBLY: DINOWITZ, MOSLEY, BURKE, MAGNARELLI, TAYLOR, D'URSO, FAHY, ARROYO, COOK; M-S: Glick, Richardson

SENATE: HOYLMAN, KRUEGER

SUPPORT: Ensures that all vaccines administered to adults in New York are included in the Statewide and City immunization registries similar to pediatric vaccines (NYSIIS/CIR)
S.4494 (Hoylman)/ A. (Gottfried)- Assembly bill number TBD

Status: Senate & Assembly Health

Sponsors:

SENATE: HOYLMAN