

Guarantee the Survival of the Healthcare Safety-Net

The Coronavirus-19 pandemic has highlighted a truth that has been somewhat ignored historically – the dangerous racial and social inequality in the distribution and availability of hospital and health care services in the state of New York.

This must be the year to finally confront the long standing problems and implicit bias baked in the distribution of Indigent Care Pool Funds. We're approaching an inflection point, and we can't afford to embrace partial commitment to equality in health care. The New York State Governor and Legislature must provide the resources to care for all our residents, including the most underserved and this includes the health care safety-net that we rely upon.

Efforts over a period of many years to fairly redistribute health care funding and other resources have been largely overrun by interests with money and political clout that drowns out the legitimate cries and interests of communities in greater need of resources.

This unfair, unequal, and intolerable systemic bias is no longer tolerable. We therefore call on the State of New York to take immediate action to guarantee the continue survival of the safety-net hospitals in our communities and provide vital services needed in our communities by:

Passing Bills S5954 (Rivera) and A6883. (Gottfried). These bills will address some of the fiscal drivers of racial inequities in healthcare by targeting the Indigent Care Pool and Disproportionate Share Hospital (ICP/DSH) funding to Essential Safety Net Hospitals.

- Improves equity in payments to focus scarce government resources on the safety net
- Targeting \$1.1B in disproportionate share funding to Enhanced Safety Net Hospitals and Qualified Safety Net Hospitals
- Defining “Qualified Safety Net Hospital” (>45% patients uninsured or receiving Medicaid, >36% inpatient discharges Medicaid, <28% of its inpatient discharges commercially insured, >2% of care is for uninsured). Funding would be directed to hospitals that meet the definition of Enhanced Safety - Net Hospital under PHL Section 2807-c(34) and Qualified Safety Net Hospital

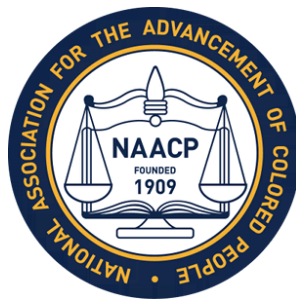
Change must happen to address the distorted distribution of ICP funds which have harmed the public and private safety net hospitals that serve low-income, immigrant, communities of color, other marginalized people and rural communities.

Let Us Get It Right for All New Yorkers!



To get involved or for more information about the Strengthen Our Safety-Net NOW! Campaign
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