

During the 2022 New York State Legislative session, NYSPHA weighed in to support a number of bills. For those bills that passed the legislature, we sent letters to the Governor on several bills recommending that she sign them. For the first time this year, the Governor's office reached out to NYSPHA to ask for our opinion on whether she should sign specific bills. Of the 20 bills that NYSPHA supported, the Governor signed nine, vetoed eight, and three didn't pass both houses of the legislature. Many of the bills vetoed were on the basis of cost and that state agencies were already dealing with these issues. The status of the bills that NYSPHA supported is listed below:

Signed by the Governor

S.2755C (Ramos)/A.1160C (Bronson). Child Poverty Reduction Act makes a public commitment to cutting child poverty in half in ten years; requires an annual public report of the effects of budget proposals on child poverty and regular reporting on progress; and establishes the Child Poverty Reduction Advisory Council to develop a plan to achieve the goal.

A.7408-A (Gottfried) / S.7501 (Hinchey). Requires health insurance companies to accept the decision of the local health department that human post-exposure treatment for rabies is necessary instead of going through the insurers prior approval process. This has been a long-term goal of our partner, NYSACHO.

S.6522-A (Rivera)/ A.7363-A (Gottfried). Protects patients from liens against their primary residence and wage garnishment due to money judgments arising from debt collection actions by hospitals or health care professionals.

S.6287C (Mannion) / A.7560 (Rosenthal). Requires childcare and healthcare providers be provided with informational materials on congenital cytomegalovirus infection.

S.906-B (Sanders) / A.2085-A (Dinowitz). Colorectal Cancer Screening Cost Sharing Removal Act requires certain providers of health care policies to provide coverage for colorectal cancer early detection in accordance with the American cancer society guidelines; requires the insurance carriers to notify enrollees of such coverage and screening guidelines via mail.

A.1741-A (Brisport) / S.4908 (Solages). Ensures that all healthcare copays count toward a patient's out-of-pocket expenses for purposes of determining their health insurance coverage.

A.9288 (Gottfried) / S.8447 (Rivera). Provides that services provided by school-based health centers shall not be provided to medical assistance recipients through managed care programs.

S.345 (Kaplan) / A.8419 Cymbrowitz). Requires the office of addiction services and supports to develop training materials for screening for alcoholism and chemical dependency (SBIRT).

S.2521C (Rivera)/A.3470C (Gottfried). Relates to regulation of billing of facility fees (bans facility fees for all preventative care).

Vetoed by the Governor

A.9288 (Gottfried) / S.8447 (Rivera). Provides that services provided by school-based health centers shall not be provided to medical assistance recipients through managed care programs.

S.6603 (Skoufis) / A.7598 (Gottfried). Requires Medicaid managed care plans to reimburse retail pharmacies in an amount equal to the fee-for-service rate.

A.9348 (Kusic) / S. 8516 (Savino). Establishes a fentanyl abuse and overdose prevention task force.

A.9080-A (Hevesi) / S.8046-A (Mannion). Requires a study of the number of children in foster care who have a developmental disability.

A.7357A (Abinanti) / S.6274-B (Mannion). Establishes a pilot program to create an assistance hotline for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities and complex behavioral needs.

S.5734A (Ryan) /A.6202A (Barrett). The Bill requires a study of the issues impacting the continuum of caregiving in the state.

A.4908 (Solages) / S.8320 (Brisport). Establishes a task force to identify evidence-based and evidence-informed solutions to reduce children's exposure to adverse childhood experiences.

A.9288 (Gottfried) / S.8447 (Rivera). Provides that services provided by school-based health centers shall not be provided to medical assistance recipients through managed care programs.

Didn't pass both houses of the legislature

S.75-A (Hoylman) / A.279-A (Gottfried). Requires universal reporting of adult vaccinations to the statewide and New York City vaccine registries, with an opt-out provision.

S.6843A (Kavanagh) / A.8431B (Gallagher). The All-Electric Building Acts requires that the state energy conservation construction code shall prohibit infrastructure, building systems, or equipment used for the combustion of fossil fuels in new

construction statewide no later than December 31, 2023 if the building is less than seven stories and July 1, 2027 if the building is seven stories or more.

S.4229 (Staviski)/A.285 (Gunther). Clinical Preceptor Tax Credit Act establishes a clinical preceptorship personal income tax credit for certain health care professionals who provide preceptor instruction to students.