

NY Health Act

Questions & Answers

What is New York Health Act?

- It is a legislative proposal introduced in the NYS legislature that would change health care as we know it.

What does it mean?

- It creates a single payer government run health care system. All New Yorkers would participate no exceptions, no exclusions.
- It would change how we deliver health care in NY, including no negotiations or collective bargaining for health care anymore.
- Your health care, as you know it, will change.

What is in the bill?

- According to the sponsors there will be no more premiums, co-pays or deductibles. ...BUT, nothing this good is free!

What is the cost?

- No one knows. Estimates range in the hundreds of billions of dollars, including a RAND Corp study estimating \$139 Billion, to the Governor's Division of Budget estimate of \$200 Billion. This would more than double the entire NYS Budget.

Who pays for this?

- The bill will require a new payroll tax:
 - Employers will pay 80%
 - Employees will pay 20%
- BUT if we don't know the total cost, then we don't know what 20% will be.

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What about retirees who live out of state?

- We don't know. Department of Health would have to come up with regulations to decide how to handle this, BUT, everyone must participate.

What if I live outside of New York?

- We don't know. The legislation simply has not figured out how you will be covered for care in other parts of the country.
 - If you are a retiree living out of state.
 - If you live out of state but commute and work in NY.
 - If you are on vacation out of the state or country.

How will this save money?

- By implementing cost controls on Doctors and Providers

Who determines cost controls?

- NYS Dept. of Health would set "reasonable" reimbursement rates and fee schedules that would apply to all doctors and providers.
- If doctors don't agree with the rates, they could close shop in NY and move to another state.

Too Many Questions, NOT enough Answers

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