Policy Priorities

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1. In this difficult fiscal environment, we are depending on the legislature to ensure resources for community-based primary care providers

- We support the governor's recommendation to reconvene the Medicaid Redesign Team and recommend community health center (CHC) participation
- Accessible, strong network of CHCs prevents unnecessary use of emergency rooms
- Community health centers support local economies: one study of federal investment into CHC facilities showed that every dollar yielded a \$1.60 return in local economic activity
- Without CHCs, we would face an even more crippling primary care workforce; by some projections, the ratio of primary care providers to the population is expected to drop nearly 10 percent by 2020

2. Add at least \$20M in state funding to the Safety Net Pool to ensure ongoing access to care for all New Yorkers

- The state's diagnostic and treatment center safety net pool provides critical resources to community-based organizations to offset the costs of serving uninsured and underinsured patients
- We need the state to contribute at least \$20 million more to this pool moving forward
- Given policy changes and health insurance market instability, we need this resource more than ever

3. Maintain at least \$235M in funding for the Patient Centered Medical Home program to support comprehensive primary care services

• For the State to achieve its health care delivery system transformation goals, it must commit to continued investment in the development of high-quality primary care

4. Reject the Governor's proposed additional \$5 million cut to the Health Home Program

In SFYs 18 & 19, the Health Home Program suffered budget cuts totaling over \$100million. The
continued reductions to the Health Home Program prevent these vital services from reaching
the highest-need highest-cost Medicaid patients in New York State











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Other Priorities

- 1. Maintain level funding for the Doctors Across New York (DANY) program (\$9M)
 - The DANY program is a state funded initiative enacted in 2008 to help train and place physicians in underserved communities in a variety of settings and specialties
- 2. Renew and Expand Support for Health Centers Serving Migrant & Seasonal Farm Workers
 - In prior years, this pool of funding, which supports health centers that serve farmworker populations, was \$406,000; we request that the legislature restore this pool to 2012 levels (\$430,000)
- 3. Advance Successful Behavioral Health Transformation
 - Fund the Nonprofit Infrastructure Capital Investment Program (NICIP) at \$100M; and the Statewide Health Care Facility Transformation Fund at \$525M, with a set aside of \$120M for community providers
 - Support the creation of new supportive housing units through the existing \$20B housing program
 - Support \$10M for Office of Mental Health Housing
 - Realign rate structures so that rising operations costs do not diminish services dollars for consumers
- 4. Support Governor and Legislative initiative to establish a review board dedicated to studying and addressing maternal mortality and morbidity in New York State
- 5. Continue to Fight the Opioid Epidemic
 - Support \$26M in new OASAS funding, a portion of which will be used to fully fund 1,200 new opioid treatment programs
 - Support the Governor's proposed tax on distributors of opiates









