

# NY Health Act

## Questions & Answers

### What is the New York Health Act?

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

### What would it do?

- Create 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 current health care plan would be eliminated and would no longer be negotiated.

### 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 exactly, but estimates range from 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!

### How is this paid for?

- The bill would require a new payroll tax:
  - Employers would pay 80%
  - Employees would pay 20%
- BUT since we don't know the total cost of the program we don't know what 20% would be.

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### What if I live outside of New York?

- We don't know. The legislation simply does not answer how you would be covered for care in other parts of the country.

This includes:

- 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.

### How will this save money?

- By implementing cost controls on doctors and providers, BUT we don't know if CSEA members will see any savings.

### 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 rates are too low, doctors could choose to leave NY and move to another state.

## Too Many Questions, NOT Enough Answers

CSEA **OPPOSES** this attempt to change health care for all CSEA members

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