

Resolution of Support for the New York Health Act, A. 5062 (Gottfried)/S.3525 (Perkins).

WHEREAS the _____ [name of organization or local government] believes that controlling health-care costs and ensuring health care for all residents are both of paramount importance, and

WHEREAS the simplest approach to generating savings, reducing fraud and paying claims is to move directly from the current multiple-payer approach with its high costs of administration, to a single-payer approach to health-care coverage where the government is the insurer, and

WHEREAS the New York Health Act will replace the current multi-payer system with a single-billing system, will be publicly financed by progressively-graduated assessments collected by the State and based on ability to pay, and will pool all health revenue sources into a dedicated New York Health Trust Fund, and

WHEREAS the New York Health Act will establish a comprehensive universal health insurance program for all New Yorkers with access to medical services and providers of their choice, remove financial barriers to health care, expand provider network to ensure continuity of care, and,

WHEREAS, according to the April 2015 *Economic Analysis of the New York Health Act* report, by Gerald Friedman, Professor Chair of the Department of Economics at the University of Massachusetts at Amherst, the New York Health Act would **provide a net savings of over \$45 billion in the first year alone** after program improvements and expansions of \$25 billion (e.g. for increased utilization due to universal coverage, expanded and more comprehensive health benefits, increased Medicaid and Medicare reimbursement). In addition, **~98% of New Yorkers will pay less than they do now** for access to health care if a progressive financing mechanism such as the one proposed in the recent economic analysis of the New York Health Act is adopted.

WHEREAS the New York Health Act will eliminate the local share of Medicaid, a financial burden that drives up local property taxes; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the _____ [name of organization or local government] strongly supports adoption of the New York Health Act, A. 5062 (Gottfried)/S.3525 (Perkins), and be it further

RESOLVED that the _____ [name of organization or local government] urges the New York State legislature and the Governor to pass this bill into law and take the opportunity to accomplish this major and long-needed reform, and be it further

RESOLVED that the _____ [name of organization's director or local government Clerk send copies to Governor Andrew Cuomo, Senators John Flanagan, Jeffrey Klein, Kemp Hannon, Andrea Stewart-Cousins, [name of senators representing district], and Assemblyman Carl Heastie and Richard Gottfried, and Assemblywoman [name of assemblyperson representing district].