

**Support for the Recommendations of the  
Medicaid Redesign Team**

**Talking Points**

The Medicaid Redesign Team (MRT) recommendations will enhance primary care, greatly reduce healthcare spending and lead to better quality healthcare for the patients who need it most.

The recommendations:

- Recognize that primary and preventive care is critical to reforming New York's healthcare system;
- Expand access to patient-centered medical homes to one million New Yorkers;
- Create an Office of Patient-Centered Primary Care Initiatives;
- Make a significant step forward in the implementation of health care reform for New York State;
- Provide payment incentives to support telemedicine;
- Protect benefits to Medicaid beneficiaries; and
- Maintain a commitment to Medicaid coverage for the neediest New Yorkers.

**Policy Request**

To ensure that the most vulnerable patients continue to have access to health care, we urge the Legislature to adopt the recommendations of the Medicaid Reimbursement Team.

We recognize that not everyone may agree on all of the proposals, that some of these changes will indeed be painful and difficult, and that there are other good ideas yet to be explored.