

CHCANYS Testifies at Joint Legislative Hearing on NYS 2012-13 Budget

Beverly Grossman, CHCANYS' Director of Policy, testified at a joint Senate Finance and Assembly Ways and Means Legislative Hearing on the health and Medicaid sections of the 2012-13 New York State Executive Budget on Wednesday, February 8th.

In her testimony, Grossman lauded Governor Cuomo's proposal to strengthen the state's health care delivery system through investments in primary health care. Grossman also delivered CHCANYS' message about community health centers striving to advance the "triple aim" of better care, improved health and reduced cost. With this in mind, New York's FQHCs and CHCANYS proudly supported the following policy proposals:

- The Executive Budget's proposed \$54.4 million for the Diagnostic and Treatment Center (D&TC) Indigent Care Pool;
- The Executive Budget's proposed \$ 1 million for the Primary Care Service Corps, which would offer loan repayment for primary care practitioners who agree to practice in an underserved area for at least a year;
- The Executive Budget's proposed \$430,000 for continued funding for community health centers serving migrant and seasonal farm workers and their families;
- The continued implementation of the approved recommendations of the Medicaid Redesign Team (MRT), including passage to enact authorizing legislation establishing a New York Health Benefits Exchange; and
- The Executive Budget's proposal to direct HEAL funds for primary care capital expansion.

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