



# COMMUNITY HEALTH CARE CHAMPIONS!

## FY 2020-2021 Budget Priorities

- **Maintain Patient Centered Medical Home (PCMH) program funding at 2019 levels *at a minimum* for safety net providers to support access to comprehensive primary care services.**
- **Maintain level funding for the Diagnostic and Treatment Center (D&TC) Safety Net Pool. (\$54.4M)**
  - This funding helps cover the cost of caring for the 16% of health center patients who are uninsured and ineligible for health insurance – many due to their immigration status. At some health centers, *more than half of the patients are uninsured.*
  - Due to the Federal threats against immigrant communities, health centers have been seeing an increase in the number of individuals coming to our clinics uninsured. This number is only expected to grow now that the new public charge rule is in effect.
- **Protect safety net Diagnostic & Treatment Center (D&TC) providers from increased Certificate of Need (CON) surcharges.**
  - Health centers already operate on razor thin margins because they provide care to everyone – regardless of immigration or insurance status or their ability to pay. Because of that, any increase will take an even bigger toll on their budgets.
  - Current law already mandates lower fees CON fees for safety net D&TC providers, recognizing the need to support expanded access to care.
- **Support executive budget proposals that support access to care**
  - Continue a DSRIP-era provision allowing state agencies to waive certain regulations, including those that give patients greater access to integrated services.
  - Provide State-only funding for the family planning program, formerly funded by Title X, to ensure continued access to a full range of family planning services. (\$14M)
- **Maintain current funding levels for existing programs**
  - Doctors Across New York (DANY) program (\$9M)
  - Migrants & Seasonal Farm Workers program (\$406K)
  - School Based Health Centers (\$17M)
- **Restore funding for workforce programs**
  - Area Health Education Centers (AHEC) (\$1.6M)
  - Rural Health Networks (\$13M)
  - Ambulatory Care Training Program (\$1.8M)
  - Center for Health Workforce Studies (\$148k)