



FIGHTING FOR AFFORDABLE, ACCESSIBLE HEALTHCARE

The Assembly Majority fought against devastating cuts in the executive budget that could have significantly impacted public health services for New Yorkers. Through restorations and healthcare reforms, we were able to greatly improve New York's healthcare delivery system and protect seniors and low-income communities.

The Assembly Majority fought to:

- **keep prescription drugs affordable for low-income seniors** by restoring \$22.3 million to the EPIC program
- **keep healthcare affordable by blocking a proposed increase in co-payments** for Medicaid and Family Health Plus and the establishment of co-payments for Child Health Plus
- **protect neurologically impaired infants** by rejecting a proposed cap on non-economic damages in medical malpractice lawsuits, thereby preserving access to our court system. The budget also created a Medical Indemnity Fund to pay for the future healthcare costs of people with birth-related neurological injuries
- **improve care and staffing levels by providing home-care workers with a local living wage** in counties where living wage laws are enacted
- **enhance patient protections** by allowing prescribers to prevail over health department recommendations to substitute prescription drugs for Medicaid patients
- **save SUNY Teaching Hospitals** by restoring \$60 million – saving jobs and protecting critical health services for the communities they serve



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The Assembly Majority has consistently:

- fought to ensure access to affordable healthcare for New Yorkers
- sought to protect vital programs and services
- advanced reforms to our healthcare system

The Assembly will continue to press forward in our fight to ensure that even in these difficult economic times we maintain access to affordable healthcare.

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