

Governor Hochul:



Community Health Centers **Need Medicaid Rate Reform Now!**

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STATEMENT FROM CHCANYS PRESIDENT AND CEO ROSE DUHAN ON GOVERNOR HOCHUL'S STATE OF THE STATE ADDRESS

In her State of the State address today, Governor Hochul highlighted the importance of keeping New York affordable while addressing social needs and improving health equity and outcomes. But there's a major hole in her plan: affordable primary care!

Community Health Centers in New York State provide high quality care to everyone, regardless of their ability to pay, but the healthcare of the 2.4 million New Yorkers CHCs serve is in jeopardy. CHCs are already being forced to close sites and reduce hours due to extreme financial hardship caused by 25 years of New York State's underinvestment. CHCs are only being reimbursement for their services by the State at a rate of 70 cents on the dollar. This rate is based on service costs from 1999/2000 and hasn't been updated since.

Governor Hochul can protect New Yorkers by reforming decades-old health center reimbursement rates in her budget. Community Health Centers need Medicaid Rate Reform NOW.

Our patients count on us, Governor Hochul. Can we count on you?

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