NY Health Act
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What is the New York Health Act?

- A legislative proposal introduced in the NYS legislature that would change health care as we know it.

What would it do?

- Create a single payer government run health care system. All New Yorkers would participate, no exceptions, no exclusions.
- It would change how we deliver health care in NY, including no negotiations or collective bargaining for health care anymore.
- Your current health care plan would be eliminated and would no longer be negotiated.

What is in the bill?

- According to the sponsors there will be no more premiums, co-pays or deductibles. BUT ...nothing this good is free!

What is the cost?

- No one knows exactly, but estimates range from a RAND Corp study estimating $139 Billion to the Governor's Division of Budget estimate of $200 Billion.
- This would more than double the entire NYS Budget!

How is this paid for?

- The bill would require a new payroll tax:
  - Employers would pay 80%
  - Employees would pay 20%
- BUT since we don't know the total cost of the program we don't know what 20% would be.

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What if I live outside of New York?
- We don't know. The legislation simply does not answer how you would be covered for care in other parts of the country.
  This includes:
    - If you are a retiree living out of state.
    - If you live out of state but commute and work in NY.
    - If you are on vacation out of the state.

How will this save money?
- By implementing cost controls on doctors and providers, BUT we don't know if CSEA members will see any savings.

Who determines cost controls?
- NYS Dept. of Health would set "reasonable" reimbursement rates and fee schedules that would apply to all doctors and providers.
- If rates are too low, doctors could choose to leave NY and move to another state.

Too Many Questions, NOT Enough Answers

CSEA OPPOSES this attempt to change health care for all CSEA members

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