

# GOVERNOR CUOMO -

## **DON'T HURT OUR HEALTH CARE**

**THE GOVERNOR SAYS THAT THE STATE IS \$10 BILLION IN THE HOLE. SO HE WANTS TO CUT MORE THAN \$2.3 BILLION FROM MEDICAID, WHICH MANY PEOPLE IN OUR COMMUNITIES USE FOR THEIR HEALTH CARE AND SEE AS A LIFELINE. THAT COULD MEAN:**

- \* Cuts in services and layoffs of health care workers at the clinics we and our families go to for care.
- \* Limiting which doctors people with disabilities, serious medical conditions, or substance use may see and what treatments they will get by “PUSHING THEM INTO MANAGED CARE” and charging out-of-pocket co-payments
- \* Cuts in home care services for the elderly and disabled, sending them into nursing homes.
- \* Across the board cuts for all Medicaid providers
- \* Making money available to close hospitals and clinics in medically-underserved communities.

### **WE SAY:**

## **FIRST DO NO HARM TO PATIENTS!**

### **Take Action**

**Call the Governor's NYC office at 212-681-4580 and tell him his Medicaid Redesign is going to hurt your community!**

**Call your elected officials and remind them to protect your health!**

#### **Make changes that won't hurt people and will save money!**

- Ensure that our health care safety net providers, like HHC and community health centers, have enough funding to continue providing services. No across the board cuts!
- Fund primary care in our communities so that we don't have to use the Emergency Room or go in the hospital.
- Remove “Berger Commission 2” proposals that would support hospital closures.
- Allow no more than \$1 million for hospital executives salaries when figuring out how much Medicaid money should go to a hospital.
- Use federal dollars for people to get care in their own homes instead of in nursing homes. It's cheaper and better that way.
- Make the rich pay their share – extend the millionaire's tax.

For more info, contact Commission on the Public's Health System (CPHS) at 212-246-0803 or the Save Our Safety Net Campaign (SOS-C) at [soscny@gmail.com](mailto:soscny@gmail.com) March 2, 2011