

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 March 2, 2011