

## **Pharmacy Patients: Historic Cuts to Pharmacy Reimbursement Could Limit Your Access to Prescription Drugs**

As a result of changes set to take effect on September 26<sup>th</sup>, pharmacies will see a significant reduction in Medicaid payments. Pharmacies will be reimbursed at rates that are lower than the cost to acquire prescription medications. These cuts in reimbursement would make it very difficult for pharmacies to continue to provide the current level of services.

Whether or not you are enrolled in New York Medicaid, your access to medicines could be placed in jeopardy if payments to pharmacies are cut as planned.

Pharmacies that serve a large number of Medicaid patients could be forced to close, which would affect the entire community, including those who do not depend on Medicaid.

Pharmacies that stay open could be forced to reduce staff, hours, benefits and deliveries to compensate for the loss from reduced reimbursement rates. These cutbacks could mean longer lines and slower service for everyone.

As a result, patients who cannot access their prescriptions could end up in the emergency room or back at the doctor's office, increasing healthcare costs for everyone and adding strain to our overburdened hospitals and clinics.

**Please call your legislators today to tell them to Support and Pass Legislation  
(*Senate Bill 6146*) to Change State Medicaid Pharmacy Reimbursement to  
Ensure Your Continued Access to Pharmacy Services in NYS**

CALL State Senator [Enter Name]: [Enter Phone #]

CALL Assembly Member [Enter Name]: [Enter Phone #]

YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE. CALL TODAY. THANK YOU!!!

*\*Note to pharmacies, the names and phone numbers for the Senator and Assembly Member in your area can be found through an address search at the following link for you to plug in above for patients:*

<http://nymap.elections.state.ny.us/nysboe/>