



**ASSEMBLY STANDING COMMITTEES ON INSURANCE AND HEALTH**

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

**SUBJECT:** The Legislative Role in Modernizing State Health Insurance Coverages under the Affordable Care Act

**PURPOSE:** To evaluate the process of modifying or enhancing health insurance coverage requirements under the Affordable Care Act.

**Hearing Room C, Legislative Office Building  
198 State Street, Albany, New York 12210**

**Thursday  
April 7, 2016  
10:00 AM**

**ORAL TESTIMONY BY INVITATION ONLY**

The Affordable Care Act provided that states must pay the cost of new health insurance coverage “mandates” which were not included as “essential health benefits.” There has been almost no guidance to the state legislatures about what this means in practice, including how states are to calculate this cost, whether the “cost” may be mitigated by the prevention of future treatments, and how funds are to be appropriated if a mandate is enacted. In practice this means that health care coverage has become frozen as reflected in the 2012 essential health benefits. The purpose of this hearing would be to investigate and determine the process for evaluating, enacting and implementing new health insurance mandates in New York State. The hearing will also consider issues in relation to state legislation to clarify or extend the nature, terms, or procedures applicable to a particular health benefit.

Persons requesting to be invited to present pertinent testimony to the Committee at the above hearing should complete and return the enclosed reply form as soon as possible. It is important that the reply form be fully completed and returned so that persons may be notified in the event of emergency postponement or cancellation.

Oral testimony will be under oath or affirmation, in keeping with Health Committee practice, and will be limited to 10 minutes duration. In preparing the order of witnesses, the Committee will attempt to accommodate individual requests to speak at particular times in view of special circumstances. These requests should be made on the attached reply form or communicated to Committee staff as early as possible. Ten copies of any prepared testimony should be submitted at the hearing registration desk. The Committee would appreciate advance receipt of prepared statements.

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PUBLIC HEARING REPLY FORM

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- I plan to attend the following public hearing on the Legislative Role in Modernizing State Health Insurance Coverages under the Affordable Care Act to be conducted by the New York State Assembly Committees on Insurance and Health on Thursday, April 7, 2016.
- I request to be invited to make a public statement at the hearing. My statement will be limited to 10 minutes, and I will answer any questions which may arise. I will provide 10 copies of my prepared statement.
- If invited to testify, I will address my remarks to the following subjects:

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