

# KEEPING THE MEDICAID PROMISE

Medicaid is a lifeline for more than six million New Yorkers. We are hopeful that the Medicaid Redesign Team will identify cost-saving reforms while protecting essential Medicaid services for the state's most vulnerable residents. We will work closely with all stakeholders in the MRT process to fix Medicaid's structural problems while ensuring that hospitals, nursing homes, and home care workers continue to have the ability to deliver high-quality care.

## PRINCIPLES

- **The Medicaid program** should continue its vital role in ensuring low- and moderate-income New Yorkers have access to affordable health care coverage.
- **The Medicaid Global Cap** should be adjusted to reflect all necessary expenses, including those related to the growth in enrollment, ensuring access for vulnerable populations and funding the minimum wage.
- **New York State** must protect access to care for vulnerable New Yorkers served by safety-net hospitals and nursing homes by ensuring that they are sustainably funded.
- **Medicaid reforms** should be targeted at the drivers of extraordinary growth in spending, including managed long-term care plans, and ensure that financial incentives are appropriately aligned to drive high quality at a sustainable cost.
- **To meet the challenge of an aging population, New York State** must ensure that long-term care services are delivered efficiently and effectively, including by developing strategies to reduce waste, fraud and abuse.
- **The Medicaid program** needs to ensure the availability of a stable and appropriately skilled workforce that can deliver high-quality care in both acute and long-term care settings.