



Staten Island TYSA Coalition 2026 Policy Agenda

SUPPORTED NY STATE-LEVEL LEGISLATION

<i>Legislation Title</i>	<i>Legislation Description</i>	<i>Bill Numbers</i>
Medicaid OMIG Audit Reform	Refocus the audit process so that limited state resources address real fraud and abuse, not harmless administrative errors resulting in penalties that threaten service continuity and access to care.	S4955 (Harckham) A1069A (Paulin)
Address Harmful Commercial Insurance Practices	Address harmful commercial insurance practices that impose unnecessary administrative obstacles blocking and delaying access to care and imposing financial hardship on services, including ensuring compliance with timelines and existing laws and regulations.	S5241 (Fernandez) A6648 (Hunter)
Alcohol & Opioid Excise Taxes (2 Bills)	Designates all taxes, interest and penalties collected by the opioid excise tax for the New York state drug treatment and public education fund. Establishes an excise tax on alcoholic beverages to be imposed on persons who sell alcoholic beverages on the premises or off the premises at retail; directs revenue from such tax to be deposited into the New York state drug treatment and public education fund.	Bill #1: S7641 (Fernandez) A9311 (Levenberg) Bill #2: S4595 (Fernandez) A9318 (Levenberg)
NYS Contracts	Increase access to care by addressing chronic contract delays through advanced payments, reducing risks associated with delayed hiring, payments to vendors, and potentially closures.	S7001 (Mayer) A7616 (Paulin)
Behavioral Health Service Co-Pays	Cap the cost share for substance use disorder and mental health services to reduce cost as a barrier to care.	S1763-A (Fernandez) A3148-A (Gonzalez-Rojas)
Create Statewide Clubhouse Framework	Create a statewide framework for clubhouses, which provide social, educational, and employment supports critical to lasting recovery.	A4878B (Tapia)
Permit Insurance Reimbursement for Peer Professionals	Permit insurance reimbursement for Certified Recovery Peer Advocate services in inpatient settings, expanding access to a proven support that strengthens recovery outcomes.	S1796 (Fernandez)
Create A State Framework for Drug-Checking	Create a statewide framework for surveillance of the unregulated drug supply to enable faster public health responses to emerging threats through education, awareness, and safe disposal.	S56-B (Fernandez) A808-C (Kelles)



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<p style="text-align: center;">Telehealth Reimbursement Parity</p>	<p>Make permanent equal reimbursement for telehealth and in-person services to maintain access to care and sustain the workforce in community-based settings.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">S354 (Rivera) A6334 (Woerner)</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Provide Immediate Access to Health Insurance Coverage After Incarceration</p>	<p>Provide immediate access to health insurance coverage after incarceration to ensure timely access to addiction and mental health care; a cost-effective measure for successful reintegration.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">S614 (Rivera) A1008 (Paulin)</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Enacting the Recovery Ready Workplace (RRW) Act</p>	<p>Establishes the "recovery ready workplace act" which provides for the certification of an employer to become a recovery ready workplace; defines terms; establishes the recovery-ready workplace program; provides criteria for employers to obtain certification as a recovery ready workplace.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">S3740A (Fernandez) A521 (Steck)</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Include Programs That Have Been Left Out of Typical Budget Increases</p>	<p>Adds certain human services programs to the designated human services programs eligible for a cost of living adjustment (now referred to as targeted inflationary increases [TIIs]).</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">S1580 (Persaud) A2590 (Hevesi)</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Enacting the Safer Consumption Services Act</p>	<p>Authorizes the state to provide public funding for and increase the availability of Overdose Prevention Centers (OPCs).</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">S7617 (Rivera) A4916 (Rosenthal)</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Daniel's Law</p>	<p>Creates statewide emergency and crisis response council to work in conjunction with the commissioners of mental health and addiction services to jointly approve emergency and crisis services plans submitted by local governments, and provide supports regarding the operation and financing of high-quality emergency and crisis services provided to persons experiencing a mental health, alcohol use, or substance use crisis.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">S3670 (Brouk) A4617 (Bronson)</p>