CORONAVIRUS

A CASE FOR THE NEW YORK HEALTH ACT (NYHA)

PROBLEM CAUSED BY COVID-19*	HOW NYHA HELPS SOLVE IT
Not enough nurses and physicians to treat infected patients	Nurses and physicians will no longer spend 48% of their time on bureaucratic tasks, leaving more time for patients [1]
People delaying or skipping medical care because of cost, resulting in spreading of the virus	Patients have no out-of-pocket healthcare costs to worry about
Self-insured employment-based plans can refuse to cover testing, because they're not subject to any state rules. [2]	All medically necessary testing is funded by NY Health
Workers going to work when sick out of fear they may lose their job and health insurance	Healthcare is guaranteed and no longer tied to jobs, but must be combined with a universal paid sick leave benefit
Not all patients can afford the medication or vaccine when it becomes available	There will be no payments, co-pays or deductibles for these treatments
High death rates, especially in patients with poor health	Emphasis on preventative care leading to a healthier population
Immigrants fear testing and treatment because of "Public Charge" crackdown	All NY residents are covered regardless of immigration status

*These problems extend beyond COVID-19, and in fact the status quo for our healthcare system has left us vulnerable to many illnesses and infections prior to the arrival of COVID-19, which is why we have been calling for a universal, guaranteed healthcare system for years.

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