

1 **2023 NYSAC Legislative Conference**
2 **Standing Committee on Public Health/Mental Health**
3 **Resolution #4**

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5 **Resolution to Permanently Carve Out School-Based Health Center (SBHC)**
6 **Services from the Medicaid Managed Care (MMC) Benefit Package and Into**
7 **a Fee-For-Service Model**

8 **WHEREAS**, SBHCs provide cost-effective comprehensive primary medical care,
9 dental, vision, and mental health services at no out-of-pocket cost to all students,
10 regardless of insurance status or ability to pay; and

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12 **WHEREAS**, SBHCs are a proven model for increasing access to health and mental
13 health services and a vehicle for eliminating racial and ethnic health disparities in
14 communities they serve, fostering health equity for low-income and minority youth; and

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16 **WHEREAS**, SBHCs have been “carved-out” of the Medicaid Managed Care program
17 since 1985, enabling them to receive reimbursement directly from the New York State
18 Department of Health (NYSDOH) on a fee-for-service basis; and

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20 **WHEREAS**, NYSDOH is planning to end the carve-out for SBHCs, which would
21 require them to negotiate the terms and conditions of reimbursement with the MMC
22 health plans and receive payment from the health plans; and

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24 **WHEREAS**, it is estimated that the transition to MMC will result in a loss of over \$16
25 million in funds to SBHCs, which could force a reduction in essential services and the
26 closure of these vital centers in the neighborhoods that need them the most; and

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28 **WHEREAS**, during the 2023 Legislative Session, the Senate and Assembly
29 unanimously passed A.6029 (Paulin)/S.2339 (Rivera) to permit SBHCs to choose to
30 remain out of MMC.

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32 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the New York State Association of
33 Counties (NYSAC) calls on Governor Hochul to sign A.6029 (Paulin)/S.2339 (Rivera) to
34 create a permanent carve-out for SBHCs from the MMC program to enable SBHCs to
35 receive reimbursement directly from NYSDOH; and

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37 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that copies of this resolution be sent to the counties
38 of New York encouraging member counties to enact similar resolutions; and

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40 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that NYSAC shall forward copies of this resolution to
41 Governor Kathy Hochul, the New York State Legislature, NYSDOH Acting
42 Commissioner James McDonald, and all others deemed necessary and proper.