

**BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD 8 – AGING COMMITTEE
RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE RE-INTRODUCTION AND PASSAGE OF
NEW YORK STATE SENATE BILL S3607 & ASSEMBLY BILL A4639**

Bronx Community Board 8 Resolution to support the re-introduction and passage of New York State Senate Bill S3607 & Assembly Bill A4639 that prohibits public employers from diminishing health insurance benefits provided to Medicare-eligible retirees and their Medicare-eligible dependents or the contributions such employer makes for such health insurance coverage below the level of such benefits or contributions made on behalf of such retirees and dependents by the public employer as of December 31, 2021.

WHEREAS, so many constituents have served New York State and are now enjoying the retirement benefits they earned, and;

WHEREAS, the issue of healthcare is extremely important and must be protected for those retirees who have worked for their healthcare rights, and;

WHEREAS, this legislation preserves retirees' access to the level of health care they have received in the past, or being forced into a MAP (Medicare Advantage Plan) with limited medical providers and would also be at the MAP's whims for preauthorization decisions that may be based - at least in part - on Artificial Intelligence - instead of the medical decisions from their current regular medical providers, and;

WHEREAS, NYC Retirees have already testified in various forums, including at the January 11, 2023, NYC Council Civil Service and the Labor Committee public hearing, that they have been subjected to unconscionable stress due to this violation of their earned healthcare benefits, which sets a harmful precedent for the rest of the State and Nation, and;

WHEREAS, the Bronx Community Board Aging Committee unanimously supported this draft resolution at its June 12 2025, meeting.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, Bronx Community Board 8 urges State Senators Gustavo Rivera and Robert Jackson; and State Assembly Members George Alvarez, Jeffrey Dinowitz and Manny De Los Santos; to exercise leadership by reintroducing and supporting Senate Bill S3607 & Assembly Bill A4639 in the upcoming legislative session.

In Favor (3): B. Kail, G. Santiago, E. McCarthy

Opposed (0)

Abstentions (0)