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### **MSSNY Meets with Assemblyman Gottfried to Discuss Single Payor Legislation**

On Wednesday, September 5, MSSNY and New York County Medical Society leaders had a lengthy meeting with Assembly Health Committee Chair Richard Gottfried to raise questions about various aspects of his legislation (A.4738) that would create a single payor system in New York State. The nearly 2-hour meeting included myself, MSSNY President-elect Dr. Art Fougner, NYCMS President Dr. Naheed Van de Walle, NYCMS Past-President Dr. Scot Glasberg, and MSSNY staff.

Among the topics brought up in the meeting were:

- If and how prior authorization would be used by the proposed NYHealth entity;
- How patients could appeal to assure needed care recommended by their physician was covered;
- The basis for payments for care, which according to the legislation is to be reasonable and reasonably related to the cost of efficiently providing the health care service and assuring an adequate and accessible supply of the health care service;
- Whether the physician collective negotiation mechanism authorized in the legislation would give physicians a meaningful right to negotiate with such an enormous entity;
- How NY Health would co-exist with employer self-insurance coverage for health care, Workers Compensation and No-Fault;
- Whether NYHealth could restrict physician participation;
- Whether physicians could practice outside of participation with NY Health; and
- Whether medical liability reform could be included as part of the proposal