

**A2520 Advocacy Letter – Durable Medical Equipment/Prosthetic & Orthotic Supplies
(DMEPOS) Medicaid Managed Care Parity**

TO: The Honorable Kathy Hochul: Governor, State of New York
NYS State Capitol
Albany, NY 12224

Date: _____

Dear Governor Hochul,

My name is _____.

I am a:

- ☐ Medicaid/Medicaid MCO recipient
- ☐ Parent/Caregiver of a Medicaid/Medicaid MCO recipient
- ☐ Other: _____

I receive care from the following provider: _____. They provide me with:

- ☐ Durable Medical Equipment item _____
- ☐ Orthotics
- ☐ Prosthetics
- ☐ Other: _____

These services are essential to maintain mobility, independence and function in the following areas

- ☐ Participation in school
- ☐ Work in following job _____
- ☐ Perform of Activities of Daily Living (bathing, dressing, transfers, eating, etc.)
- ☐ Manage tasks in the home
- ☐ Take part in leisure activities such as _____

With Managed Medicaid, my DMEPOS provider is being paid *less* than the state's Medicaid level, making it hard to continue to serve my needs. There has been an attrition of providers in NY (40%+ in DME and ~20% in O&P locations) over the past decade. New Yorkers like me with critical mobility needs are increasingly left without access to care in a timely fashion or sometimes without care at all. Assembly Bill A2520 (SB S1616) offers NY an opportunity to once again lead in healthcare reform much like your administration's pioneering work in behavioral health Medicaid parity. A2520 helps improve care to access without increasing state costs through corrections to the practices of Managed Care Organizations and their third-party vendors' excessive margins.

Governor Hochul, please sign A2520 into law so that I/my family member and thousands of New Yorkers can continue to receive the DMEPOS care we need. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Signature: _____ *Name (print)* _____

Address: _____

Phone (optional): _____ *Email (optional):* _____