**Phone Meeting with CHCANYS** 9/29/20

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High Priority Issues

1. NYS ‘carve out’ of 340B pharmacy benefits. DOH believes it can save millions of dollars. Hospitals & health centers rely on those millions of dollars to provide safety net services. The Managed Care companies are also opposed to the carve out. Gottfried & Rivera have introduced legislation to delay implementation two years.
2. Telehealth
   * Make emergency waivers perment - monthly extensions are unnerving
   * Secure permanent funding for telephonic-only visits
   * Payment parity
3. Current DOH prohibition on providing dental services at school-based health centers
   * Children are going without needed dental services

Support for NYSARH Priorities

1. Healthcare Workforce
   * AHEC
   * General workforce issues
2. Immunization
   * Children missed immunizations in the spring - trying to catch up
   * More resistance to accepting immunization than in the past
   * Governors Task Force on COVID immunization

Other Topics Discussed

1. Cost of doing business is higher
   * PPE
   * Blend of in-person and telehealth
   * Physical distancing/barriers/patients in vehicles etc.
   * Reimbursement for COVID testing has generally been adequate
2. Inconsistent Protocols
   * Especially schools and colleges - rules are different
3. Health Insurance
   * Have NOT seen an increase in uninsured patients
   * Health Centers all have Navigators to help patients access insurance
   * CHCANYS has Navigators available remotely if any NYSARH members need temporary assistance