**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