

## ATTEND THE SENATE ROUNDTABLE ON HEALTH DISPARITIES AND HELP END HEALTH CARE DISCRIMINATION IN NEW YORK STATE!

In teaching hospitals, many outpatient specialty departments segregate patients based on insurance status. Patients with private insurance have shorter wait times, less time between appointments, and get better care because they are able to see the same, boardcertified physicians at each visit. But people who have Medicaid or no insurance wait longer to get appointments, wait longer to see the doctor at their appointments, and meet with different student doctors each time, leading to poorer health. This practice especially affects low-income communities.

We are holding a roundtable discussion with Senators Kemp Hannon (Chair of the Senate Health Committee) and Gustavo Rivera (Health Committee member) about this problem and our proposed legislation, called the Health Equity Bill. This bill would require specialty departments in the hospitals throughout New York to integrate their practices. That means all patients, regardless of insurance, would get the same high quality care by the same doctors, ending this discriminatory practice.

It is <u>absolutely critical</u> to get as many community members to this roundtable as possible! We need to show our elected officials that <u>we will not stand for</u> <u>second-rate treatment</u>! Please share this message far and wide and bring your friends, families, and neighbors!



## THE DETAILS



<u>PLEASE NOTE</u>: YOU MUST BRING ID TO ENTER THE BUILDING!

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