



## MEMORANDUM OF SUPPORT

November 19, 2019

### **S.4033A (Stavisky) / A.3704 (Gunther)**

*An act to amend the tax law, in relation to establishing a personal income tax credit to preceptor clinicians who provide preceptor instruction*

The New York State Public Health Association (NYSPHA) strongly supports S.4033A (Stavisky)/A.3704 (Gunther) which would amend the tax law by establishing a personal income tax credit incentive for clinical preceptors who provide invaluable educational experiences and mentoring to health professions students at academic institutions across New York state.

New York State is experiencing an increase in the elderly population at the same time it is experiencing the expansion of health insurance coverage with the success of the New York State of Health exchange. These factors contribute to an increased demand for primary care providers (PCPs). According to HRSA, there is projected shortage of PCPs in New York in 2020 when the combined demand for nurse practitioners and physician's assistants is projected to increase by 17 percent. Filling this gap will depend on the educational capacity for these professions; such training is largely reliant on clinical education sites.

Recently, it has become harder to identify willing and qualified preceptors in New York State, as preceptors are typically unpaid volunteers who give their time and service to the future of their profession. A recent survey conducted by Pace University's College of Health Professions found that 79 percent of educational institutions reported difficulty in securing and maintaining clinical placements with preceptors in their communities.

Securing and maintaining clinical placements with preceptors is critical to ensuring that health professions students are adequately prepared for the workforce. This legislation would help New York State students receive clinical experience through preceptors by providing a tax credit for each 100 hours of community-based instruction a preceptor provides, up to a \$3,000 credit. This credit would be available to preceptors who provide instruction in community and in-patient facilities, and would only be available to those clinicians that do not receive any form of compensation. Such an incentive will continue to make clinical, first-hand training part of all health professions programs resulting in a more qualified healthcare workforce and providing better care for New Yorkers statewide.

For these reasons, the NYSPHA supports S.4033A (Stavisky)/A.3704 (Gunther) in order to ensure that New York appropriately recognizes the leading healthcare practitioners who are inspired to support the next generation healthcare practitioners.

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