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SUPPORT

MEMORANDUM

May 24, 2018

TO: Members, Long Island Delegation of the New York State Legislature
Members, Hudson Valley Delegation of the New York State Legislature

FROM: Kevin W. Dahill, President and CEO

RE: S.5779A (Hannon) — In Senate Insurance Committee
A.8063A (Cymbrowitz) — Ordered to Third Reading Cal. 577

A.8063A/S.5779A amends Insurance Law to require health insurers to notify healthcare providers of the specific type of insurance plan or product in which a patient is enrolled when liability for a claim is unclear. **The Suburban Hospital Alliance of New York State strongly supports this bill.**

Under current law, insurers are not required to identify or share information with the healthcare provider about the type of health insurance plan or product in which a patient is enrolled. It can often be difficult for providers to obtain this information, making it impossible for them to know the specifics of a patient's coverage. In fact, the information often isn't shared until after a claim has been submitted, denied and appealed, a process that delays payment and wastes the resources of the healthcare providers, insurers and regulators. This process has only become more complex with changes in health insurance plans and product types under healthcare reform.

Providing information on the patient's plan earlier in the process could help to streamline the billing and payment process for providers and insurers and could ultimately help to improve communications with the patient regarding coverage.

For the reasons cited above, the Suburban Hospital Alliance urges your support for A.8063A/S.5779A.