



## **Position Statement: S6749A Rivera Community Paramedicine Services**

This legislation seeks to amend Public Health Law to allow for establishment of a community-based paramedicine demonstration program for the purpose of evaluating the concept of community paramedicine in different communities within New York State. It would allow mobile integrated and community paramedicine programs currently operating under Executive Order (EO) 4.20 to continue to provide services beyond emergency care for a period of 5 years following the expiration of the Executive Order. The bill aims to reduce health care costs, and prevent unnecessary Emergency Room care, seeking to provide the right care in the right setting.

Provided services would include: emergent and non-emergent services within EMS/EMT scope of practice, beyond settings currently authorized. Such settings will include: providing community paramedicine, providing care in alternate settings, and providing telemedicine services.

NYONL is in full agreement with the intent of the bill: providing health care access to all individuals in an appropriate setting. **However, care must be taken to define “community paramedicine” scope of practice, and eliminate any role confusion.**

Our organization, comprised of practitioners and educators with expert knowledge in nursing scope of practice, recommends inclusion of nurse experts in advising the Commissioner on EMS roles and responsibilities. We also recommend inclusion of Nurse Practitioners in oversight and evaluation of the demonstration project, as well as taking into account experiences of other states’ pilot programs where they exist.

**The 600+ nurse leader members of NYONL support this bill with legislative consideration of our concerns.**