

April 20, 2023

The Honorable Kathy Hochul
Governor of New York State
633 3rd Ave, 38th Floor
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Dear Governor Hochul,

As an organization that has long fought for equitable access to health care particularly for underserved populations, the New York Civil Liberties Union (NYCLU), the New York state affiliate of the American Civil Liberties Union, and its over 180,000 members and supporters statewide, urges you to reverse the 340B carveout that was implemented on April 1, 2023.

Community Health Centers serve 2.3 million patients, 15% of whom are uninsured and 29% of whom primarily speak a language other than English and have limited English proficiency. If the 340B carveout remains in place, New York's most vulnerable, including disproportionately immigrant New Yorkers and LGBTQ New Yorkers, will be pushed out of the health care system. Safety-net providers statewide stand to lose \$240 million per year. The consequences will be severe: undermining their ability to provide care for uninsured and underinsured people, including undocumented people; inhibiting access to care and services that are not reimbursable through Medicaid, including care coordination for people living with HIV, food banks, and transportation to appointments for people who are not eligible for transportation through Medicaid; and blocking access to in-language medical appointments and life-saving vaccines. At a moment in time where so many cannot access the care they need, New York must do better.

The NYCLU stands with safety-net providers in urging you to reverse the 340B carveout immediately. If you have questions or would like more information, please contact Allie Bohm, Policy Counsel, at aboehm@nyclu.org. We are counting on your leadership.

Thank you,



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