

Committee: New York City Society of Health-system Pharmacists

**Topic: Pharmacists' support access to medication abortion care**

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Whereas, the US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has supported women's health research for more than 20 years finding more than 300 studies on women's health issues that disproportionately affect woman in the evaluation of gender differences.<sup>1</sup>

Whereas, The US Food and Drug Administration Office of Woman's Health (FDA OWH) has protected and advanced the health of woman through policy, science, and outreach as well as funded more than 300 research projects to support woman's health since 1994.<sup>1</sup>

Whereas, health care professional's personal beliefs may differ from standard medical care which can compromise optimal patient outcomes.

Whereas, Assembly bill number 078 states The Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DOHMH) will provide FDA-approved medication for medication abortion, at no cost to a patient, at health clinics operated by DOHMH, even to residents from outside of New York State.<sup>2</sup>

Whereas, non-profit programs such as, but not limited to Planned Parenthood and New York Abortion Access Fund provide access, education, care, and financial assistance to patients seeking abortion care and options.

Whereas, Prohibiting Medical Misconduct Charges for Performing Reproductive Health Care: Bill S9079B, sponsored by Senator Anna Kaplan, protects licensed medical professionals for misconduct charges for providing legal abortion to out-of-state patients.<sup>3</sup>

Whereas, Protection of Malpractice Coverage: Bill S9080B, sponsored by Senator Michelle Hinchey, prohibits medical malpractice insurers from taking action against a healthcare provider in New York State for performing legal abortions or other reproductive healthcare needs.<sup>4</sup>

Whereas, Freedom from Interference with Reproductive Health Advocacy and Travel Exercise: Bill S9039A, sponsored by Senator Senator Alessandra Biaggi, establishes a cause of action for those who unlawfully interfere with the rights to reproductive healthcare.<sup>5</sup>

Whereas, Address Confidentiality Program: Bill S9384A, sponsored by Senator Cordell Cleare, adds the employees, volunteers, providers, and the immediate family members of anyone in those groups to the Address Confidentiality Program.<sup>6</sup>

Whereas, Study of the Impact of Limited Service Pregnancy Centers: Bill S470, sponsored by Senator Brad Hoylman, aims to learn more about the unmet needs of pregnant people in New York State by starting a temporary task force to investigate the impact of limited service pregnancy centers.

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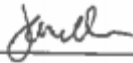
The New York State Council of Health-system Pharmacists recognizes and supports the New York State laws protecting access to abortion services and supports pharmacists and pharmacy technician's role in providing access to medication abortion care.

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3. Senate Bill S9079B (2022) Prohibits professional misconduct charges against health care practitioners for providing reproductive health services to patients who reside in states where such services are illegal. Education Law.
4. Senate Bill S9080B (2022) Prohibits medical malpractice insurance companies from taking any adverse action against a reproductive health care provider who provides legal reproductive health care. Insurance Law.

5. Senate Bill S9039A (2022) Establishes a cause of action for unlawful interference with protected rights. Civil Rights Law.
6. Senate Bill 9384A (2022) Includes abortion providers and patients in the address confidentiality program. Executive Law.
7. Senate Bill S470 (2022) Authorizes the Commissioner of Health to conduct a study and issue a report examining the unmet health and resource needs facing pregnant women in New York and the impact of limited service pregnancy centers. Public Health.
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