

**Action Needed This Week to Urge Advancement of  
Bill to Permit Collective Bargaining by Physicians,  
(A.4301B, Canestrari) by the Assembly Ways & Means  
Committee.**

**Please call the offices of every Committee member  
today.**

As a result of the College's efforts, legislation (A.4301B, Canestrari/ S.5204A, Breslin) to permit physicians to collectively negotiate with health plans over the terms and conditions of contracts has moved to the Senate Floor and has advanced out of the Assembly Health Committee and is currently in the Assembly Ways & Means Committee. We need your help to convince the Assembly Ways & Means Committee to put A.4301B on the next agenda to be voted on.

**Please take action today.**

Call every member of the Assembly Ways & Means Committee today to ask:

- (1) For their support of this critically important legislation; and
- (2) To urge that they speak to the Committee Chair, Assemblyman Farrell to ask him to put A.4301B on the next Ways & Means Committee agenda.

Attached is a chart listing every member, the counties they represent and the Albany office phone number for each.

Your action is critical to our success.

**Please make these calls today.** You can make a difference. THANK YOU.

*Understanding the Issue:*

Assembly bill 4301B is designed to restore fairness in the contracting process between physicians and managed care plans by allowing doctors to join together to negotiate the terms and conditions of contracts, which is critical to ensure that patients receive the highest quality of care in New York. Health plans in New York State currently dominate the market to such a degree that fair and adequate negotiations between health care providers and the plans are impossible. In today's system of care, health plan administrators, not physicians, dictate the establishment of clinical standards and control the manner in which these standards are applied due to the take-it-or-leave-it contracts forced upon physicians. This bill would importantly provide physicians with the tools they need to advocate for the best interests of their patients.

Attached is the NYCACS memo in support with more information on the bill.