



New York State Association of Ambulatory Surgery Centers

Friday ,February 5, 2021
NYSAASC/CHC Bi-Weekly Call
1:00-1:30 PM
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1. COVID Updates & Related Issues
 - Letitia James – nursing home report
 - \$350 Billion Dollar Federal COVID Relief passed for State and Local Relief
 - Johnson & Johnson filed for a EUA, Cuomo says this is great news. Johnson & Johnson vaccine does not require cold storage and is a single dose
 - Vaccine hesitancy - Large amount of Latino and Black populations are not receiving the vaccine, white population disproportionately receiving the vaccine

2. Bill File Update
 - Reviewed bills that moved this week:
 - A986 / S869 PHHPC Bill
 - S1451/ A191 Health equity assessments for CON applications
 - Q: will this make it more difficult to get a CON passed?
 - A: No, not likely, it will just provide a little more weight and a little more discussion for questions on the CON surrounding this topic; perhaps provide opportunity for those that want to develop centers in underdeveloped communities the opportunity to do so
 - CHC circulated the bills and sponsor memos to NYSAASC for review / questions if necessary:

- S987 - Professional Nurse Anesthetist Registration
- S529 - Upper endoscopic procedures

3. 2021 Legislative Priorities

- 2021 – Budget Hot Topics:
 - Nursing homes
 - Safe Staffing
- CHC to review and propose language for:
 - 24 hour & Two mid-night rule
 - Reimbursement
 - Denial for anesthesia & other pain management procedures
 - Coverage for Endoscopy denials
 - Health birthing centers
- Recommended approach for reviewing / editing proposal legislation:
 - Create focus groups or subcommittees that may have stake in legislation and can participate in emails and calls regarding changes/updates

4. Other/Announcements

- ASCs Working Together article - CHC will put on CHC's website website/social media and will send to hospital associations, DOH, PHHPC, etc.
- Jon will be sending out more reminders for dues, please send dues if you have not yet already. Thank you to those who have renewed and if you do not plan to renew please let me know.