



MEMORANDUM

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TO: MY PHYSICIAN COLLEAGUES

FROM: MICHAEL H. ROSENBERG, MD
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SUBJ: MEDICAL LIABILITY – YOUR TELEPHONE CALL/EMAIL/FAX IS
ESSENTIAL NOW

The Medical Society of the State of New York, County Medical Societies and Specialty Societies have been working tirelessly for over a year to secure legislative and regulatory action which would, if taken, avoid the necessity of a major increase in the already outrageous liability insurance premiums which we pay. At this very moment the Governor, and the Senate and Assembly leadership are considering a package of liability initiatives for possible action during the Special Legislative Session which the Governor has called for August 19th.

If this package is not adopted, all physicians across New York will have premium increases of between 11% and 30% depending upon which company insures you. If this package is adopted, the premium you are paying now will drop in the case of one company from an 11% increase to a decrease possibly reaching double digits. (Yes! An actual reduction in premium!) In the case of the other major carrier, the necessary increase could be cut by a full 2/3 from 30% to about 10%.

The outcome of the Albany negotiations is now in your hands and your hands alone. If you contact your legislator immediately and urge medical liability action, we will prevail. If we do not do this in large enough numbers, we will probably fail. I am, therefore, asking every physician in New York State, whatever your specialty, whatever your practice situation, whatever your age or geographic location, to contact your legislator immediately!

The message is simple:

Dear Senator/Assemblymember: Do not leave Albany on August 19th without passing legislation which will avoid the necessity of a medical liability insurance premium increase. Please do not let this issue cause catastrophic harm to our wonderful healthcare system. We ask this on behalf of every physician and every patient. Thank you. (Signed)

Convey this simple message by phone/FAX/Email. But convey the message. Your fate is truly in your own hands. To identify who your local Senator or Assemblymember is, as well as their contact information, click here: <http://capwiz.com/mssny/state/main/?state=NY>