Site of Service Transparency

LOCAL BUSINESS RELIEF COALITION

End Unnecessary Site of Service Billing Upcharges

When hospitals acquire outpatient clinics or physician practices, they often classify these locations as part of the hospital's system, allowing them to charge facility fees in addition to standard medical charges. Even though the actual services rendered at these non-hospital facilities have not changed, these additional fees, originally intended to cover the overhead costs of hospital-based care, are now applied to services that were previously provided in less expensive, non-hospital settings. **This unnecessary billing upcharge drives up healthcare costs for everyone**. The growing trend of corporate hospital system consolidation amplifies this issue, creating fewer alternatives for patients and limiting competition in the marketplace, further inflating prices.

To cut these unnecessary charges, New York must:

- **Improve Cost Transparency**
- **Enact Mandatory Disclosures of Physical Locations, including hospital off-campus locations, where services are provided.**

Requiring all healthcare providers, insurers, and administrators to use standardized, electronic federal claim forms for billing professional and facility services would ensure consistency and clarity in healthcare billing practices. By streamlining the billing process in this way, we would reduce errors and improve efficiency in claims processing. By disallowing unnecessary facility fees New York could ensure consistent reimbursement practices and significantly lower healthcare costs for payers.

Charging hospital facility fees at non-hospital settings is unfair and plays a significant role in driving the rising costs of health insurance for local businesses.