

[Home](#)

[Welcome](#)

[About Us](#)

[History](#)

[Congressional Reports](#)

[Documents](#)

[Federal Efforts](#)

[State Efforts](#)

[Action Alerts](#)

[Take Action](#)

[We Are Everywhere](#)

[Vaccine Court](#)

[DONATE](#)

[Resources](#)

[Contact Us](#)

By Parents.
For Our
Children.

Autism Action
Network
and ACHAMP

[Home](#) • [Elected Officials](#) • [Issues](#) • [Election](#) • [Media](#)

[Legislative Alerts and Updates](#) • [Current Legislation](#) • [Key Votes](#) • [Capitol Hill Basics](#)

Capwiz-XCdemo (won't send messages)

Action Alert

[BOOKMARK](#) [Twitter](#) [Facebook](#) [LinkedIn](#) [Google+](#)

Act Now for Autism Health Insurance Reform in New York

Please take a few minutes today to support autism health insurance reform in New York. Autism Action Network (formerly know as ACHAMP) has been working hard to get real autism health insurance reform introduced in Albany, and Albany has heard us. Perhaps too well. There are four separate autism health insurance bills, but we are only supporting Senator Shirley Huntley's Senate Bill S 6123 and Assemblymember David Koon's A 6888.

These bills have three important differences from other legislation:

No annual spending caps. Several of the other bills have a \$36,000 annual spending cap. No other disorder under New York law sets an annual spending cap, and we see no reason to begin with autism. Several other states with costs of living a fraction of New York's, like Louisiana and Nevada, have \$36,000 spending caps, others like Texas have greater caps. We can do better.

No age limit. Several other bills would stop coverage at 21. This incorrectly assumes an adult would qualify for Medicare, which transfers the cost to the taxpayer. And for employed people with high-functioning autism, they could be denied healthcare with the blessing of New York State law.

Majority support. S6123 and A6888 are both sponsored by members of the majority party in both houses. We are a non-partisan organization but the legislative reality is that majority sponsorship makes passing any law far easier.

The stars seem to be aligning to make passage of autism health insurance reform in New York a real possibility. But it won't happen without your help. Please contact your Assemblymember and Senator and ask them to sponsor these bills.

Click on the Take Action link to send an email message to your representatives and the Governor in support of S6123 and A6888, the autism insurance reform we really want. And pass this message on to your friends, family and co-workers. And post it on your Facebook wall or My Space page.

[Take Action](#)

In Memoriam:

Liz Birt, J.D.



Alan Clark, M.D.



1 COMPOSE MESSAGE

Message Recipients:

- David A. Paterson (D-NY), Governor
- Richard Ravitch (D-NY), Lt. Governor
- Andrew M. Cuomo (D-NY), Attorney General
- Your State Upper Chamber Representatives
- Your State Lower Chamber Representatives

Delivery Method:

- Email
- Printed Letter

Subject:

Editable text:

(edit or add your own text - 7961 characters left)

Tip: Cutting-and-pasting? Save as plain text first.

Your Closing:

Your Name:

2 SENDER INFORMATION

This system requires that you provide your name and contact information. This information will not be used for any purpose other than to identify you to the recipient.

Your Contact Information:

Prefix (required by some officials)

Select...

First*

Last*

Email*

Address*

City*

State*

ZIP*

ZIP + 4

New York

Phone

Remember Me! ([what's this?](#))

Sign me up for the Action E-List.

A copy of your message will be sent to the e-mail address entered above.

3 **SEE ME**

Show your letter recipients who you are by uploading a photo and writing a comment about the photo. A link to your photo and comment will be included in your letter; you will be able to view SEE ME information posted by you and other people after you send your message.

Warning: Please do not post any sensitive information about yourself - your photo and comment will be accessible by the public.

[Include SEE ME information](#)

(Please click only once.)

powered by [Capitol Advantage](#) ©2010