

# NYACP Advocacy Week: May 2-6, 2022

## Recapping A Successful Week to Remember!

### Monday, May 2 – Podcasts Released

Did you get a chance to listen to our new advocacy-related podcasts? If not, then make plans to hear directly from our advocacy interns and physician leaders about recent experiences and successes.

[NYACP Advocacy Internship: Experiences from the Chapter's Advocacy Interns](#)

[2022 Advocacy Topics of Interest](#)

NYACP also shared tools and recourses on why physician advocacy is important and how to build legislator relationships. If you wish to listen to these podcasts, go to the [NYACP Physician Spotlight Podcast page](#).

### Tuesday, May 3 – Call to Action

Did you join NYACP in its [Call to Action to support a bill to create a PreAuthorization Gold Card for physicians](#)? If not, there's still time. So far, 151 letters have been sent to NYS Senators and Assembly Members requesting support for legislation.

The bill would expedite health care for patients in instances where a physician's preauthorization requests are routinely approved by health insurance carriers by exempting the physician from securing preauthorization for common referrals. Expediting patient care and reducing a bit of administrative burden – a win-win! If you haven't sent your letter yet, please do today through the Chapter's Grassroots Advocacy Center.

There is a prepared letter with the option to personalize, which takes about 1 minute to send. [Click here to send your letter now!](#)

NYACP Leaders and Health and Public Policy Committee members also met with Senator Steward-Cousins' Majority Counsel & Health Team to discuss and request support for the following bills:

- Prior Authorization "Gold Card: (A.9908/S.8299)
- Co-Pay Accumulator (A1741/S.5299)
- NYSIIS Registry (A.279/S75)

### Wednesday, May 4<sup>th</sup> – Podcast Released

Member advocacy efforts with NYACP make an impact. Just ask Geriatrics Task Force Chair, **Paula Lester, MD, FACP!** [In the podcast released today](#), her elation is evident as she discusses how the efforts of the Task Force resulted in being invited to the NY State Reimagining Long Term Care Task Force1

### Thursday, May 5<sup>th</sup> – Advocacy Day

NYACP Leaders and Health and Public Policy Committee members met with the following NYS Elected Representatives to request support for 3 of the Chapter's top legislative priorities (prior auth "Gold Card/Co-Pay Accumulator/NYSIIS Registry):

- Assembly Member Carrie Woerner, Chair, NYS Agricultural Production & Technology Sub-Committee
- The office of Assembly Member Richard Gottfried, Chair, NYS Assembly Health Committee
- The office of Senator Neil Breslin, Chair, NYS Senate Insurance Committee

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- The Office of Gustavo Rivera – NYS Chair, Senate Health Committee
- The office of Senator Liz Krueger – Chair, NYS Senate Finance Committee
- The office of Senator Rachel May – Chair, NYS Aging Committee and Chair, Legislative Commission on Rural Resources

## Friday, May 6th – Advocacy Week in Review

Follow NYACP on [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) and [LinkedIn](#) to look back on the week with fellow physicians and recap on one of three important components of the Chapter’s Mission:

- Education
- **ADVOCACY**
- Quality Improvement and Patient Safety