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Subject: legislative action required.

Contact Governor Paterson to Assure Coverage for ER Treatment Provided to Intoxicated Drivers

Physicians are urged to contact the Governor in support of a measure (S.7845, Breslin/A.11116, Dinowitz), passed by the Legislature and strongly supported by MSSNY, to require No-Fault carriers to cover the costs of providing emergency care to intoxicated drivers. The bill would at last rectify an anomaly in the law whereby under federal law physicians and hospitals are required to provide emergency care to all patients, but a separate state law permits insurers to deny coverage for care provided to intoxicated drivers. Perhaps most importantly this bill would eliminate the current disincentives to testing patients for alcohol and better assure that patients can obtain the counseling they need. Please indicate your support for this legislation by asking the Governor to sign this measure into law.

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