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Saying single payer will mitigate the impact of ACA repeal is like pouring gasoline on a roaring fire to put it out

Recently it's been suggested that New York should adopt a "Medicare for all" approach to health insurance as a means of saving NYS money if the Affordable Care Act is repealed.

The idea that passage of Assembly member Richard Gottfried's single payer health care proposal will mitigate the impact that repealing the Affordable Care Act will have on New York State's budget is akin to pouring gasoline on a roaring fire in the hope that it will put it out.

A recent economic analysis of the New York Health Plan by healthcare analyst Avik Roy conclusively shows that the estimates used by supporters of this proposal are flat out wrong. The passage of A.4738 / S.4371 would irrevocably damage New York State's economy by nearly quadrupling the size of the entire State budget and raising state taxes by unsustainable amounts while driving businesses – and taxpayers – out of New York, and shows conclusively that the savings that Assembly member Gottfried and supporters of single payer claim will come from making the sale of health insurance in NYS illegal and replacing it with a state-government run "Medicare for all" are not factual.

<https://freopp.org/how-state-based-single-payer-initiatives-crush-economic-opportunity-604ac9ac17c9#.t0h5kz5zi>

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