

# Help New Yorkers Save Money!

## Support the use of NY's purchasing power to negotiate better prescription drug prices!

Language included in previous state budgets authorizes the Commissioner of Health to negotiate directly with drug companies for better prices for all state government purchasers of prescription drugs. New York State currently **spends approximately \$6.5 billion per year on prescription drugs** for the Medicaid program, and an additional \$1 billion on the EPIC program.

**New York should use its purchasing power to get lower prices.**

**New York could save hundreds of millions** if it were able to buy prescription drugs for just a small percentage less than it currently does. The Progressive States Network also has model state legislation for reining in prescription drug costs.

**Everybody wins...** state and local governments AND New York consumers will all pay less if New York makes a BETTER CHOICE and uses its purchasing power to negotiate fair deals with the drug companies. This makes much more sense than cutting state programs and services that provide for the most fundamental needs of the most vulnerable in our state!

**There is a better choice.**

**Do the right thing for our state.**

**Better Prescription Drug Prices for New Yorkers!**

*A Message from the Better Choice Budget Campaign (see back for list of organizations)*

