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DRAFT FEDERAL legislative proposals for 2022
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- 1 **1. StateWide supports incentives and actions to reduce barriers to the**
2 **redesign of nursing homes to small house models that focus on resident**
3 **centered care with continuity of care from staff, so that they are able to**
4 **follow the principles of the Pioneer movement.**
- 5 **2. StateWide supports the Consumer Protection and Recovery Act to restore**
6 **the Federal Trade Commission’s authority to obtain monetary redress for**
7 **consumers in court for all violations of the laws it enforces.**
- 8 **3. StateWide supports the Accessible, Affordable Internet for All Act that**
9 **would hold giant internet companies accountable by requiring them to**
10 **issue a consumer-friendly detailed breakdown listing fees and**
11 **speeds before customers sign a contract.**
- 12 **4. StateWide supports adding an out-of-pocket limit to Medicare Parts A &**
13 **B.**
- 14 **5. StateWide supports the For the People Act to strengthen and reform our**
15 **democracy by making voting easier and taking big money out of politics.**
- 16 **6. StateWide recognizes that technology such as on-line patient portals and**
17 **telemedicine visits are a component of the modern health care delivery**
18 **system, but they must not be imposed as a practice for all patients.**
- 19 **7. StateWide supports the Older Americans Modernization Act to address**
20 **antiquated and outdated parts of the Older Americans Act, to learn from**
21 **and address service delivery after the pandemic and to provide the area**
22 **agencies on aging with increased flexibility and the resources that bring**
23 **us into the 21st century.**

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8. StateWide supports the *Supplemental Security Income Restoration Act* to bring the Supplemental Security Income (SSI) program into the 21st Century and ensure disabled and older Americans are able to live with dignity and respect.

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- 30 **9. StateWide opposes the practice of some banking and other institutions**
- 31 **that require fees for paper copies of monthly statements which is a**
- 32 **discriminatory practice towards clients that do not have access to the**
- 33 **technology that make such statements accessible.**
- 34 **10.StateWide supports mandating that nursing homes cease to admit new**
- 35 **residents when they are not meeting minimum staffing requirements and**
- 36 **prohibiting hospitals from discharging patients to understaffed facilities.**
- 37 **11.StateWide supports expanding the EPIC program to include individuals**
- 38 **with comparable coverage to a Medicare Part D plan.**
- 39 **12.StateWide supports incentives and actions to reduce barriers to the**
- 40 **redesign of nursing homes to small house models that focus on resident**
- 41 **centered care with continuity of care from staff, so that they are able to**
- 42 **follow the principles of the Pioneer movement**
- 43 **13.StateWide supports the creation of public banking institutions by creating**
- 44 **a regulatory framework so municipalities can operate banks to invest in**
- 45 **community needs, advancing racial equity and community resilience and**
- 46 **sustainability.**
- 47 **14.StateWide opposes changes in public retiree health benefits that will**
- 48 **eliminate the retiree’s ability to select original Medicare for their**
- 49 **coverage without paying for the premiums out of pocket, forcing them to**
- 50 **have no choice except to enroll in an employer selected Medicare**
- 51 **Advantage Plan in order to use their earned retiree health benefit.**
- 52 **15.StateWide urges the adoption of measures to support family caregivers,**
- 53 **including refundable tax credits, and supports providing worker**

54 protections to prohibit negative repercussions for using family medical
55 leave, sick leave and other benefits that allow for caregiving.

56 **16.StateWide supports housing rights for all New Yorkers by prohibiting**
57 **eviction without cause and, until this becomes law, will also support**
58 **legislation specifically to prohibit landlords of buildings with 20 or more**
59 **units occupied by senior citizens or persons with disabilities from**
60 **terminating tenancy without cause or a court order.**

61 **17.StateWide urges that the Senior Citizen Rent Increase Exemption (SCRIE)**
62 **program benefits keep pace with income needed to maintain housing.**

63 **18.StateWide supports requiring local zoning ordinances to establish the**
64 **right to build accessory dwelling units on owner occupied property.**

65 **19.StateWide urges the Public Service Commission to establish minimum**
66 **requirements on utility providers to ensure no service disruption for**
67 **consumers dependent on life saving equipment.**

68 **20.StateWide supports adding residents aged 65 and older to the list of**
69 **populations eligible for the supportive housing development program.**

70 **21.StateWide will work to establish 4.1 minimum hours of care per resident**
71 **per day in nursing homes, including .75 hours of RN care.**

72 **22.StateWide will work to ensure that Indigent Care Pool funds and**
73 **Disproportionate Share Hospital funds are truly targeted to hospitals**
74 **servicing a disproportionate share of low income Medicaid and uninsured**
75 **patients.**

76 **23.StateWide urges mandates to ensure all hospitals and nursing homes**
77 **implement the Age Friendly Health Systems initiative.**

78 **24.StateWide supports efforts to prohibit limitation on nursing home**
79 **visitation.**

80 **25.StateWide supports allowing nursing home residents who wish to do so to**
81 **install visual monitoring equipment.**

82 **26.StateWide supports prohibiting medical facilities from using patient visual**
83 **images without getting written consent.**

84 **27.StateWide supports legislation to require medical facilities that cannot**
85 **get informed consent from a patient for the use of psycho-tropic**
86 **medications to provide timely notice to the patients designated**
87 **representative prior to the use.**

- 88 **28.StateWide opposes the off-label use of psycho-tropic drugs with black box**
89 **warnings on elderly patients with dementia.**
- 90 **29.StateWide urges the Department of Financial Services to make public any**
91 **application by a long-term care insurer for a premium rate increase.**
- 92 **30.StateWide supports the development of temporary housing/shelter for**
93 **victims of elder abuse by establishing a pilot program to study how to**
94 **expand services throughout the state.**

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