

Current UNYAN Members:

Alamo EMS  
AmCare Ambulance  
Bangs Ambulance  
Citywide Mobile Response  
Cooperstown Medical Transport  
Empire Ambulance  
Erway Ambulance  
Finger Lakes Ambulance  
Guilfoyle Ambulance  
Hunter Ambulance  
Kunkel Ambulance  
Medical Transport Service  
Midwood Ambulance  
Mobile Life Support  
Mohawk Ambulance  
Monroe Ambulance  
Northern Dutchess Paramedics  
Oswego County Ambulance  
Regional EMS  
Richmond County Ambulance  
Rural/Metro – Central NY  
Rural/Metro – Rochester  
Rural/Metro – Southern Tier  
Rural/Metro – Western NY  
Schenectady Ambulance Serv.  
Seaway Valley Ambulance  
Superior Ambulance  
TLC EMS  
TransCare Corp.  
Trans Am Ambulance  
Twin City Ambulance  
WCA Serv. Corp.

## UNYAN PRIORITIES

*The United New York Ambulance Network (UNYAN) represents proprietary ambulance transportation services across New York State. Comprised of more than 30 commercial ambulance companies, UNYAN's members employ nearly 5,000 New Yorkers and provide emergency medical care and transportation service to over 14 million people in urban, suburban and rural areas throughout New York.*

- **Medicaid Rate Reform**

The funds included in 2005-06 Budget for emergency medical transportation services are the first step in Medicaid Rate Reform. We continue to support the rate change methodology of A. 4017 (Gottfried)/ S3107 (Seward) as systematic reform goal.

- **Fuel Tax Relief**

S3023 (Seward)/A 2885 (Morelle) would eliminate the fuel taxes currently paid by commercial ambulance services on fuel used to transport patients.

- **Ambulance Vehicles Exempted from Sales Tax Burden**

S3024 (Seward)/A 1139 (Morelle) would remove the sales and compensating use tax burden on the purchase of new and used ambulance vehicles and medical equipment used in these ambulances when purchased by commercial ambulance services.

- **Homeland Security**

A recent report from New York University Center for Catastrophe Preparedness and Response identified “critical deficits in the role and organization of EMS services in homeland security preparedness.” Commercial ambulance providers are not eligible for Federal and State grant programs and are rarely involved in the emergency planning efforts.

- **Opposition to Direct Patient and Third-Party Billing**

Municipal and volunteer fire companies organized under Section 209-b of the General Municipal Law are currently prohibited from billing patients. Permitting this type of billing amounts to “double-reimbursement” adding costs to the EMS system with no commensurate benefits. It would disrupt New York’s paramedic intercept system under Medicare of providing advanced care in rural areas.