

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
Mobilemedic EMS
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
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 the Legislature's 2006-2007 Budget for emergency medical transportation services are the first step in Medicaid Rate Reform. While we are enormously grateful that the Legislature included this money in the budget, the Governor vetoed the extra funding. We urge the Legislature and the Governor to find a way to restore this essential funding.

- **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 would disrupt New York's paramedic intercept system under Medicare of providing advanced care in rural areas.