

April 21, 2017

***Memorandum Of Support***

*A.6120 (McDonald)/S.4557 (Ortt)*

*Preserve access to quality complex rehabilitation technology for  
patients with complex medical needs*

The New York Association on Independent Living (NYAIL) is a statewide membership organization of Independent Living Centers, community-based providers of services, supports and advocacy that are run by and for New Yorkers with disabilities of all ages. NYAIL is dedicated to removing barriers to the full community integration of all people with disabilities. NYAIL strongly supports A.6120/S.4527 which would protect the practices that ensure quality complex rehabilitation equipment is available for people with disabilities as they are enrolled into Medicaid Managed Care.

The New York State Department of Health (DOH) has been responsible for prior authorization review of complex rehabilitation equipment and ensures through a thorough review process that the suppliers, and the work they put into customizing equipment, are following all Medicaid guidelines. This bill will preserve as much of that process as DOH deems necessary to serve certain complex needs patients with appropriate equipment.

Access to individualized complex rehabilitation equipment and the maintenance and repair of such equipment is essential to independent living and mobility for thousands of New Yorkers. We support the efforts of Assemblymember McDonald and Senator Ortt to maintain access to the highest quality equipment, technicians, and suppliers.

**The New York Association on Independent Living strongly supports A.6120/S.4557 and the preservation of access to complex rehabilitation technology.**

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