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Senator Rivera on the Composition of the Medicaid Redesign Team II

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"I continue to be greatly concerned about the recommendations the Medicaid Redesign Team II will be making given that there are serious gaps in the representation of the membership and the unrealistic timeline outlined by the administration. While the team that was announced today includes respected members of the health care industry, it leaves key players and sectors that are a critical to our health care delivery system out of the decision-making process, most notably safety net providers, like NYC Health + Hospitals and Federally Qualified Health Centers, actual medical providers, pharmacists, and consumer representatives. The goal of Medicaid is to provide health care to New Yorkers who can't afford to pay for it. You would think that it would be critical to include those providing a significant part of that care in a conversation on how to redesign the program."