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***Statement on Governor Hochul Signing Landmark Health Care Protections Bill
into Law***

***Legislation Establishes Safeguards for Patients and Providers Facing Out-of-
State Legal Threats***

(ALBANY, NY) – The Legal Aid Society released the following statement in response to Governor Kathy Hochul today signing into law [legislation](#) that will protect individuals who provide or receive legally protected health care from criminal or civil liability or professional sanctions imposed by jurisdictions outside the state:

“Today, New York has taken a decisive step to protect access to reproductive and gender-affirming health care for all New Yorkers who provide and receive it. At a moment when these fundamental rights are under sustained attack from the current federal administration, this bill rebukes that fear and intimidation by ensuring that all New Yorkers continue to have access to the health care they need and deserve without fear of politically motivated interference.

“The legislation signed today enshrines into law safeguards that prevent patients and providers from being subject to prosecutions, subpoenas, or professional sanctions from other states as a result of the legally protected care they provide or receive. Once enacted, healthcare providers and their patients will be shielded from any hostile out-of-state actors that seek to strip them of their medical integrity or bodily autonomy.

“We laud Senator Brad Hoylman-Sigal and Assembly Member Harry Bronson for sponsoring this landmark legislation and thank Governor Hochul for signing it into law. The passage of this legislation sends a clear message: New York will continue to protect the safety, well-being, and freedom of all who seek or provide reproductive and gender-affirming health care in our state.”

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