



State of New York

Executive Chamber

Proclamation

Whereas, the Empire State places the highest priority on quality health care for all people and appreciates the many professionals who contribute to our State's excellent system of medical care – including medical billers, who assist physicians and other health care professionals by settling the successful payment of medical services provided to patients; and

Whereas, medical billing ranks among the most vital occupations within the modern health care system and as the availability and demand for complex and costly medical services increases in today's society, billers have a larger client base of insured individuals, whereby industry needs for qualified billers are continuously expanding; and

Whereas, as experts in a field that requires attention to detail, compassionate understanding, and proficiency in the state and federal laws and regulations related to the insurance industry, billers are a vital link of communication among doctors, hospitals, health care facilities, government agencies, and others that interact with the health care community; and

Whereas, the work of medical billers ensures the consistency and integrity of information needed for the proper documentation and monitoring of financial expenditures for health care services, as they strive to preserve and promote compliancy in health care billing services – thereby providing a safety net for consumers, insurance companies, state and federal government entities, and helping to reduce fraud and abuse of the health care system; and

Whereas, medical billers follow and uphold federal rules and regulations related to billing standards and practices, helping health care facilities maintain optimum levels of efficiency, productivity and compliance with such rules and regulations, all of which help achieve cost-effectiveness and sound fiscal management; and

Whereas, the daily efforts of medical billers improves overall public health in this State and Nation, as they are trained to exacting professional standards and have access to the most current technology and practices that enable them to collect data that helps physicians, medical professionals and the overall health care community maintain and operate upon a sound fiscal foundation; and

Whereas, throughout this State and Nation, medical billers are an integral component of our healthcare system and it is fitting that we recognize these professionals within the medical community for their dedication and significant contributions as they work toward a common goal of ensuring the most efficient and effective healthcare delivery system for New Yorkers and all Americans;

Now, Therefore, I, David A. Paterson, Governor of the State of New York, do hereby recognize March 27, 2008 as

MEDICAL BILLERS' DAY

in the Empire State.



Secretary to the Governor

Given under my hand and the Privy Seal of the State
at the Capitol in the City of Albany this twenty-fourth
day of March in the year two thousand eight.

Governor