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POWER PLAYERS IN HEALTH CARE

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Dan Savitt is president and CEO of [VNS Health](#), a home- and community-based health care nonprofit serving 73,000+ New Yorkers daily, offering a full range of provider services and health plans. Under Savitt's leadership, VNS Health expanded plans to 38 NYS counties, acquired four upstate MLTC plans, and added 10,000+ Medicare members. This past year, he has closed

workforce gaps, launched a Bronx-based behavioral health clinic and nurse retention program – driving innovation and strategic growth.

What piece of health care related legislation would you like to see passed in the near future?

Home health care, vital for recovery after hospitalization, is in crisis after years of underfunding, especially in “home health deserts.” Tens of thousands of older adults are going without care each year, leading to worse outcomes, more rehospitalizations and greater family strain. Congress must stop Medicare cuts and restore fair, sustainable rates. The NYS Legislature should require health plans to reimburse adequately so agencies can provide these vital services that seniors depend on.

How do you expect the health care field to change in the next five years?

Health care is shifting toward more care at home, especially for people with multiple chronic illnesses and complex needs. We'll see more personalized support, better coordination, and smarter use of technology, including remote monitoring. At VNS Health, we're expanding services, ramping up clinician recruitment, working to address critical care gaps in the health care ecosystem, and using data to improve care, making it easier for New Yorkers to get help where they live.

As this year comes to an end, what are your goals for 2026?

Our focus is making health care simpler and easier to access, and leveraging technology to support care. We'll grow our health plans' footprint and increase capacity in underserved areas. We're continuing our investments in AI so that our clinicians can spend less time on administrative work and more time engaging with their patients. As demand rises, especially among older adults, our goal is to deliver personalized, community-based care that helps people live safely at home.