

The 2024 Health Care Power 100: The Policymakers and Practitioners Making New York a Healthier Place



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Health care and how it's delivered are matters of perennial debate. What share of the population has access to quality care – and what's the best way to expand access? How much government funding should be allocated for medical services – and how effectively and efficiently is that money being spent? How can a state like New York prepare for the next pandemic, keep struggling hospitals open, ease medical staffing shortages, combat rising drug prices, improve mental health – the list goes on and on.

City & State's Health Care Power 100 doesn't have the answers to these many questions, but it does identify the most important public officials, health care leaders and other individuals who are seeking out solutions to these challenges every day. The latest iteration of this annual list features hospital and health care executives, nonprofit service providers, labor leaders, academics and other advocates and activists who are shaping health care policy and practice in New York. The 2024 ranking highlights key legislative wins, labor victories, new initiatives and other developments over the past year.

Dan Savitt- President and CEO, VNS Health

Dan Savitt is at the helm of VNS Health guiding one of the largest nonprofit home and community health care organizations in the nation into the future. Savitt, who believes that home health care is integral to the medical care industry, says that, post-pandemic, the importance of services like those VNS Health offers, a

focus on mental health, and the rise in telehealth has reaped benefits for patients but the industry is being held back by staffing issues and a dire need to overhaul payment policy for long-term care.

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