

Donate Life NYS Talking Points
Doorways to Donation Act 2022: Health Plans
(S.8805 Breslin/A.10186 Gunther)

- Open with introduction and a brief description of your connection to donation and transplant.
- When the bill is delivered, we request Governor Hochul **sign S.8805 (sponsored by Senator Neil Breslin)/A.10186 (sponsored by Assembly member Aileen Gunther)** as passed by both houses.
- Explain there are an estimated 8,300 men, women, and children waiting every day for an organ transplant who depend on us to increase enrollments in the Registry.
- The new measure requires individuals completing their application or annual renewal of their health insurance coverage are presented the opportunity to enroll in the New York State Donate Life Registry. Health Plan applicants will be required either to check a box stating “yes,” or to check a box saying “skip this question.”
- The legislation also requires related transactions, such as creating a member profile on the plan website, to include the enrollment opportunity.
- New York is the only state that incorporated the enrollment option in 8 different administrative processes. Including, the New York State of Health Marketplace.
- The combined impact of expanding the opportunity to enroll in the Registry has been significant. Since 2010, Registry growth exceeded projections, resulting in nearly **1.5 million enrollments** beyond what was forecasted prior to enacting these policy changes.
- I am asking Governor Hochul to continue her steadfast support by signing this policy initiative as passed to continue the momentum of lifesaving change.
- This initiative is a means of ensuring that millions of New Yorkers are given more frequent and consistent opportunities to document their consent to making a lifesaving anatomical gift upon their passing.
- By requiring private insurers to incorporate the donor designation question into the insurance enrollment and renewal process, New York State would take yet another bold and significant step toward providing a lifesaving transplant for every New Yorker in need.