



# ACTION ALERT

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# A week of action!!

## April 28<sup>th</sup>

## Mental Health Parity Call-in

The Assembly has passed a parity bill unanimously (145-0). There is a bill pending before the Senate that was introduced by Senator Libous (S2089). The Senate must pass their bill or New York will continue to provide tacit approval for discrimination against people with mental illness.

### **Action Requested:**

Call your Senator on April 28<sup>th</sup> and tell him/her that you support mental health parity. The Senate switchboard number is (518) 455-2800. If you don't know who your Senator is, call Joshua Rubin at (212) 586-4555x17.

## April 29<sup>th</sup>

## New York/New York II Rally

Mayor Giuliani and Governor Pataki have reached an agreement to fund 1,500 units of supportive housing for homeless New Yorkers with mental illness. In doing so they did not allocate any new funding. 10,000 housing units are needed by people with mental illness who are languishing in shelters, on streets, in hospitals, jails and prisons.

### **Action Requested:**

Come to the New York/New York II Rally outside Governor Pataki's New York City office. The rally will take place on April 29<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 p.m. at 633 Third Avenue (between 40<sup>th</sup> and 41<sup>st</sup>). Signs will be provided at the rally. For more information call Sue Batkin at (212) 533-0540x306.