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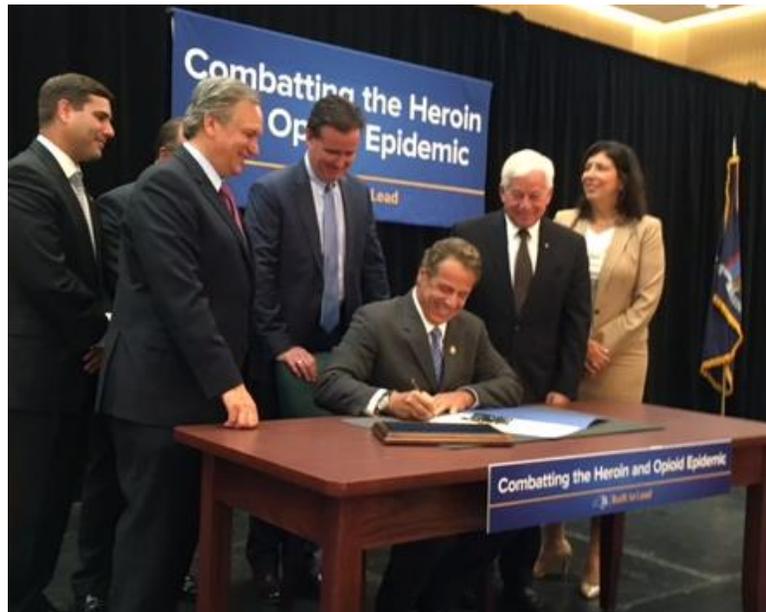


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Legislator Anker Attends Governor Cuomo's Bill Signing Ceremony



On June 22nd, Governor Cuomo signed landmark legislation to curb the drug epidemic in New York.

FARMINGDALE, NY – On June 22nd, Suffolk County Legislator Sarah Anker joined Governor Andrew Cuomo at Farmingdale State College for the signing of comprehensive legislative package to address the state's current heroin and opioid crisis. The new law limits opioid prescriptions from 30 days to 7 days, requires mandatory prescriber education on pain management, and eliminates burdensome barriers to treatment. It also includes several best practices and recommendations identified by the Governor's Heroin and Opioid Task Force, and builds on the state's aggressive efforts to break the cycle of heroin and opioid addiction and protect public health and safety.

"I am proud to stand with Governor Cuomo at the signing of this landmark legislation," said Legislator Anker. "Since entering public office in 2011, I have advocated diligently for greater access to treatment for those who are addicted to drugs and the new state laws will be vital in helping those who are in need of treatment."

The legislation also requires all insurance companies to use objective state-approved criteria to determine the level of care for individuals suffering from substance abuse, mandates insurance coverage for opioid overdose-reversal medication, and ends prior insurance authorization to allow for greater access to drug treatment medications. For more information on Governor Cuomo's Task Force to Combat Heroin please visit www.combatheroin.ny.gov.