

A Sampling of Local Senatorial Candidates in Dutchess County and Where They Stand on Health Care in 2020

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Senator **Sue Serino** vs. Challenger **Karen Smythe**

Sue Serino	Karen Smythe
<p>Serino believes that access to affordable healthcare has never been more important. She refuses to support a plan that would put politicians in charge of healthcare and increase taxes. Instead, she believes in order to reduce healthcare costs starts by cutting the taxes NY puts on our health insurance plans. She believes that increasing access to mental healthcare must be among our top priorities as we recover from the pandemic. She has secured funding for initiatives like the Dutchess County Stabilization Center and Vet2Vet veterans peer support program.</p>	<p>Smythe believes that healthcare is a human right. She believes that healthcare should not be tied to employment and Medicaid should not be tied to property taxes. Smythe supports the Affordable Care Act and will work to create a public health system that covers everyone. She also proposes that mental health services should be included as part of standard health insurance coverage. Additionally, Smythe believes that broadband Internet must be universally available and accessible, affordable housing inventory must increase dramatically, and women must have full access to reproductive healthcare.</p>