Resolution 1 –Submitted by RC 15/16

Behavioral Health

Whereas, mental and/or behavioral health is as important as medical health; and  

Whereas, there is a documented mental and/or behavioral health crisis that has affected so many families and workplaces; and  

Whereas, many of our members have not had adequate medical coverage for mental and/or behavioral health diagnosis and treatment; and  

Whereas, high co-pays and deductible levels are making mental and/or behavioral health services unaffordable; and  

Whereas, many public and private insurance plans do not provide for adequate mental and/or behavioral coverage; and  

Whereas, both retirees and in-service members see the effects of this underinsurance; and  

Whereas, members wish to encourage improvement of medical coverage for mental and/or behavioral health for all those who need it; therefore be it  

RESOLVED, that NYSUT will seek legislation that will require medical insurance plans provide adequate and accessible coverage for mental and/or behavioral health diagnosis and treatment both for members and for all NYS residents; and be it further  

RESOLVED, that NYSUT assist its locals with educating its members that they have the right to equitable access to mental and behavioral services; and be it further  

RESOLVED, that NYSUT will encourage its local to bargain the inclusion of adequate and accessible mental and/or behavioral health coverage as part of a local’s medical package.