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**Statement by Eric Linzer, President and CEO New York Health Plan Association on  
New York State Health Foundation Analysis of the New York Health Act Single Payer Bill**  
*Massive Tax Increases, Uncertain Federal Funding, and Questions about Controlling Provider and  
Drug Prices, Makes Government-run Health Care the Wrong Approach for New Yorkers*

“The New York State Health Foundation’s analysis demonstrates what a government-run, single payer health system would mean for New York: \$139 billion in new taxes, fewer choices for millions of residents, and failure to achieve universal coverage.

“The analysis assumes that the state would be able to regulate provider rates and drug prices despite any evidence that doctors, hospitals and pharmaceutical manufacturers would be willing to be paid less than they are today. Additionally, the analysis is predicated on the assumption that the state would receive a federal waiver, which is doubtful in light of CMS Administrator Seema Verma’s recent statement that CMS would likely deny waivers from states to launch single payment systems. As the report states, these assumptions are highly uncertain.

“We believe that every New Yorker deserves coverage for high-quality, affordable health care, and the work of our member health plans in implementing the Affordable Care Act and the state’s Medicaid Redesign program is a major reason for New York’s ability in insuring more than 95% of state residents.

“Our collective efforts should be to build on what’s working in health care and fix what’s not. Rather than continuing to devote attention to a system that ultimately will lead to higher taxes, limit access and restrict options, the focus needs to be on efforts to expand coverage, address costs, and improve quality without disrupting current coverage options for employers and consumers.”