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NEW YORK HEALTH PLAN ASSOCIATION ANNOUNCES NEW BOARD OFFICERS

The New York Health Plan Association (HPA) today announced the Board of Directors has elected Denise Gonick, CEO and Director of MVP Health Care, as chair of the HPA Board of Directors for the 2019-2020 term.

“Denise is a highly accomplished and respected leader in our industry, who brings a thoughtful perspective on the issues facing the health care system,” said Eric Linzer, president and CEO of the Health Plan Association. “We are excited to have her chairing the association as we work on measures to make health care more affordable for consumers, employers, and the state.”

“The Health Plan Association has been a leading advocacy organization for managed care health plans for more than two decades,” said Gonick. “As the incoming board chair, I look forward to working with the staff and other member health plans to advance HPA’s mission to effect health care policy aimed at ensuring high quality health care coverage is accessible and affordable for all New Yorkers.”

Other officers for the 2019-2020 term include: Michael McGuire, Healthplan CEO of NY, United Healthcare as Vice Chair; Colleen Schmidt, President & CEO of Molina Health Care of NY as Secretary; and Jack Stephenson, President of Empire Blue Cross Blue Shield HealthPlus as Treasurer. The HPA Board of Directors voted in the new officers at its March 15, 2019 board meeting.

The New York Health Plan Association was founded in 1984 to foster the development of HMOs in New York and seeks to ensure the managed care perspective is presented in ongoing discussions about New York’s health care system. HPA currently represents 29 managed care plans across the state that provide health care coverage to more than eight million fully-insured New Yorkers. Those covered by HPA member plans include people who purchase coverage on their own or receive health insurance from an employer, New Yorkers enrolled through a government-sponsored program (Medicaid managed care, Child Health Plus and the Essential Plan), and those who are enrolled in managed long term care plans.