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**NEW YORK HEALTH PLAN ASSOCIATION URGES GOVERNOR
TO SIGN HOSPITAL OUT-OF-NETWORK LEGISLATION**

Statement by Eric Linzer, HPA President & CEO

“We urge Governor Cuomo to sign A.264-B/S.3171-A and A.8404/S.6544-A, which would expand the state’s efforts to protect patients from excessive emergency charges by out-of-network physicians to include hospitals. The current Independent Dispute Resolution process has worked well, ensuring that reimbursements for emergency services are fair and reasonable while holding individuals harmless.

“Consumers need relief from unwarranted and excessive surprise medical bills. These bills take a balanced approach in extending the law to add emergency hospital services and will provide an important safeguard for New Yorkers from unexpected costs.”

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The New York Health Plan Association represents 29 managed care health plans that provide comprehensive health care services to more than 8 million New Yorkers.