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NEW YORK HEALTH PLAN ASSOCIATION ON GOVERNOR'S EXECUTIVE BUDGET PROPOSALS

Statement by Eric Linzer, HPA President & CEO

“While we recognize the fiscal challenges the state faces, we remain concerned with the ongoing cuts in Medicaid that health plans have shouldered. Our members have been consistent, reliable partners in the state’s coverage expansion and delivery system reform efforts, despite facing hundreds of millions of dollars in rate cuts the last several years.

“Health plans have acted as responsible stewards of state resources and constrained growth, provided predictability to budgeting and added long-needed accountability to the Medicaid program. We remain committed to working with the Executive and Legislature to address the structural deficit and protect the coverage and services for the millions of New Yorkers who rely on our member Medicaid plans.

“Given the important role that plans have played in the state’s health reform efforts, it is vital that our industry be part of any discussion of reforming the Medicaid program and we look forward to HPA being a part of the new Medicaid Redesign Team.”

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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.