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NEW YORK HEALTH PLAN ASSOCIATION ON CMS DECISION ON DSRIP 2.0 WAIVER

Statement by Eric Linzer, HPA President & CEO

“We are disappointed by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid’s decision rejecting New York’s Delivery System Reform Incentive Payment (DSRIP) proposed waiver amendment. The current DSRIP waiver has been an important tool in the state’s efforts to transition away from the fee-for-service payment system, which emphasizes volume over value, to a system that rewards high-quality and cost-effective health care through value-based payment (VBP) arrangements, and the proposed amendment would have helped to further those efforts.

“Our member health plans have been consistent, reliable partners in the state’s health reform efforts and have been instrumental in New York realizing the goals of the current DSRIP waiver. We remain committed to working collaboratively in partnership with the state and providers to build upon these achievements and to continue moving forward on delivery system reform to improve our health care system and meet the health care needs of the millions of residents who rely on our member Medicaid plans.”

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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.