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**NEW YORK HEALTH PLAN ASSOCIATION ON UPCOMING MRT RECOMMENDATIONS &
GOVERNOR CUOMO'S COMMENT ON RAISING REVENUES TO CLOSE THE BUDGET DEFICIT *Statement***
by Eric Linzer, HPA President & CEO

“We agree with Governor Cuomo who today said that now is not the time to be raising taxes, and we are shocked that the Medicaid Redesign Team (MRT) would be proposing the equivalent of a tax increase. Given the impact that the coronavirus disease has had on New Yorkers, particularly individuals and small businesses, this would be the worst possible time to add hundreds of millions of dollars to the cost of coverage. As it prepares its package of recommendations, the MRT should avoid proposing any measures that will increase health care costs for employers and consumers and address only the factors that have caused the overspending in Medicaid.”

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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.