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NEW YORK HEALTH PLAN ASSOCIATION ON FINAL 2021 STATE BUDGET
Statement from Eric Linzer, HPA president and CEO

“We recognize the significant fiscal challenges the state is facing and have been made even more difficult as a result of the unprecedented national emergency confronting us all. However, we remain concerned with the significant Medicaid cuts to health plans included in the final FY21 state budget.

“Like every other segment of the health care sector, our member health plans have jumped in to do their part to combat the coronavirus and protect the health of all New Yorkers, despite being asked to shoulder hundreds of millions of dollars in rate cuts the last several years. Unfortunately, it appears that closing the Medicaid gap falls disproportionately on health plans.

“At a time when New Yorkers are worried about their health and the impact of coronavirus on the state, these continued cuts threaten the coverage and services for the millions of New Yorkers 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.