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New York Health Plan Association on Governor Extending Health Insurance Grace Periods
Statement by Eric Linzer, HPA President & CEO

“Since the outset of this unprecedented national crisis, HPA’s member health plans have been doing their part, working closely with the state and partners in the provider community to combat coronavirus, ensure patients have access to needed care, and protect the health of all New Yorkers.

“Our member health plans also recognize that many across the state are experiencing financial hardships as a result of COVID-19, and have already been working to support employers and individuals to help them maintain coverage. This has included providing flexibility to businesses and advising individuals of available coverage options. Further, the Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA) signed on March 18th and the recent Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) include a number of provisions to help New York businesses and their employees during this crisis.

“As the COVID-19 emergency continues, it will be critical for the state to monitor the impact of today’s action to safeguard the stability of the marketplace.”

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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.