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**New York Health Plan Association on Waiving Cost Sharing
for Mental Health Treatments for Essential Workers**
Statement by Eric Linzer, HPA President & CEO

“Our health plans have been working closely with the state on the various directives to protect the health of all New Yorkers and ensure that patients have access to needed care. This includes the thousands of essential workers on the front lines of this public health crisis. We’re committed to ensuring they can access the behavioral health services they need and will be reaching out to DFS to discuss implementation of this directive.”

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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.