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## NEW YORK HEALTH PLAN ASSOCIATION ON COVID-19 VACCINATION READINESS

### *Statement of Eric Linzer, HPA President & CEO*

“With the arrival of COVID-19 vaccines, New York’s health plans are committed to ensuring that all New Yorkers receive a vaccination at no cost. Making sure residents are immunized against the coronavirus is a public health imperative that will save lives.

“Health plans have always played an important role in patients receiving the vaccinations recommended for them. Our members stand ready to work with Governor Cuomo and his Administration, local public health authorities and our partners in the delivery system to get New Yorkers vaccinated and that they have the information they need on the importance of the COVID-19 vaccines and where and how to be immunized.

“As they have since the outset of this national public health crisis, HPA’s member health plans have been doing their part, working closely with the state and the provider community to combat the coronavirus, ensure patients have access to needed care, and protect the health of all New Yorkers. As this epidemic continues, our members’ commitment continues as well.”

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