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NEW YORK HEALTH PLAN ASSOCIATION ON “NEW YORK HEALTH ACT” SINGLE PAYER BILL

*Statement by Eric Linzer, president and CEO
“Revised bill fundamentally flawed, too costly for New Yorkers”*

“Every New Yorker deserves coverage for high-quality, affordable health care, but a government-run program that eliminates all private insurance is the wrong approach for New York.

“Recent opinion polls show that the majority of New Yorkers are satisfied with their health plans and are overwhelmingly opposed to the New York Health Act, preferring to build on the current system so that they can keep their current insurance as opposed to starting over with a government-run system. Further, they remain concerned that it will result in longer wait-times to get care, limit access to providers they know and trust, and force them to pay more. Revisions to the bill fail to address its fundamental flaws — it will result in massive new taxes and provide fewer choices over doctors and treatment for all.

“Throughout the current pandemic, health plans have worked with state leaders and our partners across the health care system to combat the coronavirus so that residents had access to the care they needed. Rather than continuing to devote attention to a system that ultimately will lead to higher taxes, limit access and restrict options, we should listen to what New Yorkers want by building on the current system and improving what’s working to make health care better, simpler and more affordable.”

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