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HPA ON DR. CHINAZO CUNNINGHAM CONFIRMATION Statement by Eric Linzer, New York Health Plan Association President & CEO

"The New York Health Plan Association (HPA) applauds the confirmation of Dr. Chinazo Cunningham as Commissioner of the Office of Addiction Services and Supports (OASAS). Dr. Cunningham's experience in both research and care delivery as well as her work on developing programs that address the needs of people managing substance use disorders provide her with a deep foundation of knowledge to administer the broad range of programs and policies that OASAS oversees.

"HPA and our member health plans are committed to continuing to partner with the State on measures to support individuals struggling with substance use issues and ongoing efforts to combat the opioid crisis, and we look forward to working with Dr. Cunningham to ensure that New Yorkers get the care they need."

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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.