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### **NEW YORK HEALTH PLAN ASSOCIATION RESPONDS TO EXECUTIVE BUDGET HEALTH PROPOSALS**

#### ***Statement from Eric Linzer, New York Health Plan Association President & CEO***

“We commend Governor Hochul for her focus in the FY23 Executive Budget proposal on increasing access to health insurance to help close the current coverage gap and support her proposals to expand eligibility for Medicaid and the Essential Plan and eliminate Child Health Plus premiums for lower income New Yorkers. We would urge that the final FY23 State Budget go further by providing a state-funded option to uninsured, low-income immigrants to further the goal of universal coverage.

“We appreciate the Governor for restoring the quality pools in the Medicaid Managed Care and Managed Long Term Care programs. This funding is critical to advancing quality improvement efforts and reducing health disparities, and have been essential to New York State’s achievement of better health outcomes for underserved populations.

“We are concerned about the proposed procurement for managed care contracts and the potential disruption it could have on the state’s most vulnerable citizens, including taking away options from the more than 5 million New Yorkers who rely on these health plans for their care.”

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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.*