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NEW YORK HEALTH PLAN ASSOCIATION ON END OF SESSION LEGISLATION

Statement from HPA President and CEO Eric Linzer

“New York has some of the highest health care costs in the country. Unfortunately, recent actions in Albany will drive up the cost of coverage and make health insurance even more expensive for consumers and small businesses.

“Proposals that restrict health plans’ ability to contain out-of-control prices drug companies charge – including banning copay accumulator programs and banning and prohibiting step therapy – do nothing to ensure consumers get the most appropriate drugs at the lowest cost and just puts more money in the pocket of Big Pharma. Further, the Legislature passed several mandated benefit bills, adding to the more than 40 mandated benefits in statute that require coverage of more than three dozen types of treatments or services. These costs will fall disproportionately on small employers, exacerbating the economic challenges they face by adding to their costs and making it more difficult to provide coverage to their employees.

“HPA and our member health plans are committed to ensuring every New Yorker has access to high-quality, affordable health care. When taken together, these proposals will undercut efforts to increase affordability and expand coverage and we will urge the Governor to veto these costly proposals.”

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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.