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NEW YORK HEALTH PLAN ASSOCIATION ON CHEST WALL RECONSTRUCTION MANDATE – A.8537/S.7881
Statement by Eric Linzer, HPA President & CEO

“Health plans are committed to ensuring women undergoing treatment for breast cancer have access to a full array of medical care and currently cover post-surgical treatments, including reconstructive surgery and chest wall reconstruction. While well-intentioned, mandating coverage of these services is unnecessary and will add to the cost of health insurance.

“With over 40 mandated benefits in statute, New York requires coverage of more than three dozen types of treatments or services, which increases the cost of health insurance for consumers and employers, particularly small businesses. Adopting new mandated benefits will exacerbate the challenges they face. Affordability is one of the most pressing issues facing health care and we remain focused on working with the Governor and legislative leaders on measures to address health care costs to provide meaningful relief to individuals, families and businesses across the state.”

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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.