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## **NEW YORK HEALTH PLAN ASSOCIATION ON HEALTH EQUITY REQUEST FOR INFORMATION *Statement from Eric Linzer, HPA President and CEO***

“Every New Yorker deserves affordable, high-quality care and health coverage regardless of health status, race, color, national origin, sex, gender identity, sexual orientation, age, or disability.

“Our members are committed to eliminating racial and ethnic disparities in care, as they have made significant investments to tackle the underlying social, economic, and environmental factors that affect health outcomes. These efforts include a broad range of innovative programs – often in partnership with providers and community-based organizations – that couple coverage of medical care with social approaches to support a patient’s health goals, as well as providing grants and other financial support to local organizations to advance health equity across the communities they serve.

“Our industry welcomes the opportunity to share this information with the Department in our collective efforts to address the systemic health inequities in our society.”

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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.*