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NEW YORK HEALTH PLAN ASSOCIATION RESPONDS TO FINAL 2024 STATE BUDGET

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

“We applaud the Governor and Legislature for rejecting the hospital-backed pay-and-pursue proposal in the final budget. The ill-conceived idea would have driven up costs for consumers, employers, labor unions and taxpayers, while also threatening patients’ quality of care.

“We appreciate that the FY2024 budget includes funding for the Medicaid managed care quality program that supports health plans’ ongoing efforts working with providers and community organizations to provide critical additional services for the state’s most vulnerable residents. From preventive screenings, to in-home wellness visits, vaccination efforts and other efforts to advance quality in Medicaid, these initiatives improve health outcomes for underserved populations, address health equity and reduce care disparities.

“While it was not included in the final FY2024 budget, we continue to support expanding the Essential Plan to provide coverage to low-income, undocumented immigrants and remain committed to working with lawmakers to ensuring every New Yorker has access to high-quality, affordable health care and realizing the goal of universal coverage.”

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The New York Health Plan Association represents 27 managed care health plans that provide comprehensive health care services to more than 8 million New Yorkers.