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NEW YORK HEALTH PLAN ASSOCIATION ON PASSAGE OF BIOMARKER TESTING BILL

Statement by Eric Linzer, HPA President and CEO

“Health plans recognize the importance of precision medicine and provide coverage for biomarker testing when supported by medical and scientific evidence. The original proposal would have established an overly broad set of criteria that had the potential to expose patients to tests that have not been proven to provide clinical benefits.

“We appreciate that the sponsors amended the bill to address these concerns. The final bill takes a balanced approach of utilizing biomarker testing to inform the best treatment of care for patients through safe and effective testing that is supported by nationally recognized clinical guidelines.”

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