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NEW YORK HEALTH PLAN ASSOCIATION ON REINTRODUCTION OF THE NEW YORK HEALTH ACT

Statement from HPA President & CEO Eric Linzer

"Every New Yorker deserves coverage for high-quality, affordable health care. Through ongoing public-private partnerships to expand access to lower income New Yorkers and to make more affordable, New York has made remarkable progress toward the goal of universal coverage, with more than 95% of state residents covered. Health plans are committed to continuing these efforts.

"The New York Health Act would eliminate all private insurance and establish a government-run system that will result in massive new taxes, provide fewer choices over doctors and treatment, and threaten the quality of care for every resident. This is the wrong approach for New York."

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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.