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NEW YORK HEALTH PLAN ASSOCIATION ON ATTORNEY GENERAL'S REPORT ON MENTAL HEALTH COVERAGE Statement from Eric Linzer, President & CEO

"Our members take seriously their obligation to provide comprehensive behavioral health benefits in compliance with State and Federal Mental Health Parity Laws. Health plans work hard to ensure that provider directories are up-to-date and accurate as possible, which requires a shared commitment from providers to update their information when there are changes in their network status.

"The challenges facing the behavioral health care system are not unique to New York and have been exacerbated by widespread workforce shortages. Our industry remains committed to working with the Attorney General, the Hochul Administration, and legislative leaders on policy solutions to increase access and ensure patients can get the mental health care services, care, and support they need."

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The New York Health Plan Association represents 26 managed care health plans that provide comprehensive health care services to more than 8 million New Yorkers.