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NEW YORK HEALTH PLAN ASSOCIATION ON ELIMINATING INSULIN COPAYS

Statement by Eric Linzer, HPA President and CEO

“Health plans are committed to working to ensure members have access to the medications they need – particularly life-saving medications for those with chronic health and acute conditions.

“While well intentioned, limiting or eliminating copays on insulin fail to address the major driver of skyrocketing prescription drug costs: the increasing escalation and exorbitant prices drug companies charge. Further, it will shift costs to others through higher insurance premiums and copays and allow Big Pharma to continue to raise insulin prices, leaving patients, employers, and taxpayers paying even more for health care.

“The focus should be on measures to promote greater accountability into lowering the price of prescription drugs and we remain committed to working with Governor Hochul and legislative leaders on policy solutions to make medications more affordable for all New Yorkers.”

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