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## **NEW YORK HEALTH PLAN ASSOCIATION ON 2026 RATE REQUESTS**

### ***Statement by Eric Linzer, HPA President & CEO***

“New York’s health care costs are among the highest in the country. The premium rates health plans submitted in May reflected those costs, specifically:

- Hospitals and other providers continuing to demand significant price increases;
- Excessive prices that Big Pharma charges for prescription drugs;
- Mandated benefits and taxes on health insurance, which add more than \$1,000 to the cost of coverage for the average family; and
- The loss of enhanced premium tax credits that are set to expire at the end of this year.

“Affordability is the most pressing health care issue for individuals and small businesses. It’s critical that Congress act now to extend the health care tax credits before hundreds of thousands of New Yorkers face significant cost increases. Additionally, the Legislature passed several mandated benefits this session. We urge the Governor to reject these proposals to avoid adding to the cost of coverage.”

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*The New York Health Plan Association represents 20 managed care health plans that provide comprehensive health care services to more than 8 million New Yorkers.*