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Albany Capital Center
55 Eagle Street, Albany, New York

Agenda

8:00 AM — **Welcome and Opening Remarks**

Eric Linzer
President & CEO
New York Health Plan Association

Junior Harewood
CEO - NY, NJ, DE, PA
UnitedHealthcare Employer & Individual

8:15 AM — **The Challenge of Affordability**

Sabrina Corlette, JD
Co-Director
Center on Health Insurance Reforms
McCourt School of Public Policy
Georgetown University

Junior Harewood – ***Moderator***
CEO - NY, NJ, DE, PA
UnitedHealthcare Employer & Individual

9:00 AM — **The Impact of Federal Health Policy on New York: A Discussion with the Deputy Health Secretary**

Megan Baldwin
Deputy Secretary for Health
Office of the Governor

Chris Del Vecchio – ***Moderator***
President & CEO
MVP Health Care

10:00 AM — **Break**

10:30 AM — **The Changing Federal Healthcare Landscape & Its Impact on NY**

Hon. Patricia Fahy
Chair
Senate Disabilities Committee

Hon. Jake Ashby (invited)
Member
Senate Insurance Committee

Hon. Josh Jensen
Republican Ranker, Assembly Health Committee
Member, Assembly Insurance Committee

Hon. Catalina Cruz
Member
Assembly Health and Insurance Committees

Jessica Cox – ***Moderator***
President
Highmark Western and Northeastern New York

11:15 AM — **On the Bill: What's Ahead at the Capitol for 2027**

Jack O'Donnell
Managing Partner
O'Donnell and Associates

Shontell Plummer
Partner & Head of NY Practice
Tusk Strategies

Matt Nelligan
President & CEO
Syndicate Strategies

Trip Yang
Founder & CEO
Trip Yang Strategies

Ashley Stuart – ***Moderator***
Vice President of Government Affairs
New York Health Plan Association

12:00 PM — **Lunch Break**

12:30 PM — ***Luncheon Keynote:*** **The Importance of Representation A Fireside Chat with John Quiñones**

John Quiñones
ABC News Veteran, Creator & Host of What Would You Do?

Eric Linzer – ***Moderator***
President & CEO
New York Health Plan Association

1:30 PM — **Wrap-Up**