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**STATEMENT BY HANYS' PRESIDENT DANIEL SISTO  
ON GOVERNOR PATERSON TAKING THE OATH OF OFFICE**

ALBANY, N.Y. — “Through his many years as a state legislator and leader, David Paterson has distinguished himself by being a consistent and passionate voice for those New Yorkers who would otherwise have no voice. His dedication in representing all New Yorkers is unsurpassed, especially the elderly and children, who more than any other sectors of society rely on Medicaid for their health and well being.

“New York’s health care providers share the same commitment, and we live up to it thousands of times every day when patients who have no means to pay for care walk through our doors and receive the medical treatment they need and deserve.

“We therefore welcome David Paterson as our new Governor, and we have great hope and confidence that his efforts to build a better New York will continue his proud tradition of serving all New Yorkers, especially those most in need.”

*The Healthcare Association of New York State (HANYS) is the only statewide hospital and continuing care association in New York State, representing more than 550 non-profit and public hospitals, nursing homes, home care agencies, and other health care organizations.*