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**STATEMENT FROM HANYS PRESIDENT DANIEL SISTO ON THE
APPOINTMENT OF DR. JON R. COHEN AS SENIOR ADVISOR**

ALBANY, N.Y. — “We welcome Dr. Cohen’s appointment and equally welcome Governor Paterson’s acknowledgment that he and Dr. Cohen understand investments must be made to support the future of quality health care. We agree.

“New York’s health care infrastructure is among the oldest in the nation. Our hospitals’ annual operating margins are second-worst in the nation, and our public and private reimbursement rates are among the lowest nationally. All this serves to starve our health care facilities of the capital they need to keep pace with the evolution of health care. We look forward to a productive relationship with Dr. Cohen and Governor Paterson as we address these problems.”

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.