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STATEMENT FROM HANYS' PRESIDENT DANIEL SISTO

Healthcare Association of New York State (HANYS) Supports State Budget Agreement That Protects Patients, Builds for the Future

ALBANY, N.Y. — “HANYS supports the overall health care component of the final state budget agreement. The Governor and the State Legislature have acted swiftly and responsibly to craft a plan that protects the patients and residents of today’s health care system, while making the investments necessary to build the system we all will need tomorrow.

“The national economy presented enormous challenges that could have imperiled patient and resident services. Leaders met that challenge by balancing the need for fiscal restraint with our shared obligation to provide critical health care services to millions of New Yorkers, especially the very young, frail, and aged, who more than any others rely on the Medicaid program.

“Governor Paterson, Senate Majority Leader Bruno and Speaker Silver are to be commended for working so productively together under such adverse conditions. All three leaders have long been strong supporters of our health care system, and they have each once again demonstrated their commitment to the families and individuals who rely on their compassion and trust in their good judgment.

“The budget agreement also embraces the call for reform by transitioning spending priorities to ambulatory and outpatient services. This budget begins in earnest that essential shift, and we look forward to future policy discussions concerning how health care providers and state leaders can work together to drive the reforms necessary to effectively and efficiently provide the very best patient and resident care.”

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.