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NEW WEB SITE ENABLES PUBLIC TO HELP PROTECT NURSING HOMES

www.helpyournursinghome.org

ALBANY, N.Y. — Building on the success of helpyourhospital.org, the Healthcare Association of New York State (HANY) has launched www.helpyournursinghome.org, a new Web site to inform New Yorkers about the impact of Governor Paterson’s nursing home cuts, and mobilize action to stop these harmful proposals.

The Web site features a ZIP Code search engine that informs visitors about nursing homes in their area that would lose funding under the Governor’s state budget plan for 2009-2010.

The site also offers a letter-sending tool that makes it easy to send a letter to the Governor and members of the State Legislature. Members of the public can also sign an online petition to lend support to ensuring that any health care dollars included in an anticipated federal economic stimulus package are used for health care services only.

The helpyournursinghome.org and helpyourhospital.org Web sites give New Yorkers a powerful voice in the state’s health care budget-making process. Health care providers across New York State would lose critical funding under Governor Paterson’s 2009-2010 Executive Budget proposal that, in total, seeks to eliminate more than \$5 billion in health care funding over the next two years.

“HANY created helpyournursinghome.org to enable people in communities across the state to speak out and urge lawmakers to protect the nursing homes in their hometowns and neighborhoods,” said HANY’s President Daniel Sisto. “Hospitals and nursing homes have the support of their communities. These Web sites give people simple ways to express that support to the state’s decision makers.”

HANY, the only statewide hospital and continuing care association in New York State, represents more than 550 non-profit and public hospitals, nursing homes, home care agencies, and other health care organizations.