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**HANYS RESPONDS TO STATE HEALTH COMMISSIONER RICHARD DAINES’  
VISIT TO ONEIDA, MADISON, AND ONONDAGA COUNTIES**

**Statement by Daniel Sisto, President of the Healthcare Association of New York State**

ALBANY, N.Y.—“New York’s hospitals and health care providers support the call by Commissioner Daines for greater emphasis on reducing obesity, improving nutrition, and expanding preventive care services. We are and will remain a fully committed partner in his efforts to make these necessary changes.

“The reforms espoused by the Commissioner are laudable. Primary care and other outpatient care certainly need investment. Unfortunately, the Governor’s budget proposal will serve only to take us further from, not closer to, the Commissioner’s goals.

“The numbers tell the story. Governor Paterson’s state budget proposal cuts hospital inpatient care by \$300 million, keeping nearly \$170 million of that total as state ‘savings’ and putting what is left back into hospitals for outpatient services. That is not an investment, it’s a \$170 million cut to hospitals, which undoubtedly will weaken both inpatient and outpatient care.

“In Oneida and Madison counties alone, the Governor’s overall budget plan would cut nearly \$15 million from local hospitals—a simply staggering total.”