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**STATEMENT BY HANYS' PRESIDENT DANIEL SISTO  
ON THE FINAL STATE BUDGET AGREEMENT**

ALBANY, N.Y. — “This health care budget plan contains cuts far greater than what our members can absorb without reducing services and laying off staff. We are therefore compelled to issue to the State Legislature a memorandum of opposition to the plan.

“Health care providers supported the investments in primary care—the lone element of true reform in this budget agreement—and we understood the economic situation would require some cuts. However, this budget goes far beyond what was necessary or appropriate, threatening the safety and well-being of millions of New Yorkers who rely on the health care delivery system.

“The failure of the state to use the federal stimulus Medicaid funding (known as FMAP) to offset these deep cuts in any appreciable way is disturbing, as is the disproportionate negative impact this plan will have on public, rural, and most high-Medicaid hospitals. The plan will result in severe service dislocations and lost jobs. Cutbacks in staff and services should be anticipated in most communities.

“A report referenced in today’s newspapers found that women in some areas of the state are waiting up to four months to receive a mammogram. That will now only get worse. Lost jobs, longer wait times, and diminished access to critical care like mammography are now realities New Yorkers must prepare for as this budget is implemented.”

*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.*