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**STATEMENT BY HANY'S PRESIDENT DANIEL SISTO ON
THE WHITE HOUSE HEALTH REFORM AGREEMENT WITH HOSPITALS**

ALBANY, N.Y. — “Today’s White House health care reform announcement clearly demonstrates that hospitals are willing to make a tremendous sacrifice to help expand health care coverage to millions of Americans who desperately need and deserve better access to care.

“However, these cuts will be very difficult to absorb. New York’s hospital margins are the second lowest in the nation, with most hospitals barely breaking even or losing money each year.

“Therefore, it is essential that our sacrifice is not made in vain. Congress and the Obama Administration must ensure that they pass and implement a final reform plan that will deliver on the promise of universal coverage. The outcomes must match the rhetoric.

“It is also imperative that other non-provider sectors of health care also make commensurate contributions. Every stakeholder must be part of the solution. As the American Hospital Association says, ‘Coverage for all, paid for by all.’

“We must see this effort through, for all Americans who rely on, and pay for, a health care system that is in dire need of meaningful reform.”

The Healthcare Association of New York State (HANY) 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.