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**STATEMENT FROM HANYS' PRESIDENT DANIEL SISTO ON
TODAY'S DEFICIT REDUCTION PROPOSAL FROM THE GOVERNOR**

ALBANY, NY — “The Legislature is contending with decisions that, if made unduly or are in any way over-reactive to the scale of our fiscal problems, will unnecessarily do great harm to many New Yorkers.

“An inescapable fact is that the health care provider cuts and taxes currently proposed, on top of billions of dollars in health care cuts already enacted, will significantly further diminish the ability of hospitals, nursing homes, and home health care organizations to provide essential patient and resident care. The Legislature and Governor must remain mindful that the health and lives of many New Yorkers are very much in the balance.

“The Governor’s actions today are more about politics than policy. He offers two choices: an unrealistic one-man takeover of state fiscal affairs, and essentially reverting to his initial proposal, eliminating any progress that had been achieved over the last several weeks of discussions.

“Neither plan affords the protection our patients, residents, and communities deserve. We urge the Legislature to reject these false choices and encourage the Governor and Legislature to return to the negotiating table to continue developing a plan that will not imperil the lives and health status of the people of New York.”

HANYS, 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.