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

ALBANY, N.Y. — “By significantly reducing the magnitude of health care cuts, the Legislature has demonstrated its commitment to working to protect New York’s fragile health care system in these very difficult economic times. We thank legislators who helped craft today’s budget plan for their understanding and we are grateful for their leadership.

“Our more than 500 members, who protect the health and well being of virtually every community in the state, engaged in an aggressive and effective grassroots campaign to alert lawmakers to the damage continual health care cuts have inflicted on patient care and health care jobs.

“Next year’s budget will, no doubt, present similar challenges, but of a far greater magnitude. We stand ready to work with lawmakers as they prepare to address the state’s budgetary issues going forward.

“We are also hopeful that our message will continue to resonate with the Legislature as we meet these future challenges. Clearly, there is an emerging awareness among legislators that health care cuts can no longer be absorbed by providers, and that any future cuts will, without doubt, lead to a commensurate loss of health care services and jobs in their home districts.”

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.