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FMAP Contingency Plan Includes Millions in New Health Care Cuts

State Must Look Elsewhere for Funding

ALBANY, NY — Healthcare Association of New York State (HANYS) President Daniel Sisto decried the state's FMAP contingency plan and urged legislative leaders to pursue healthier policies and revenue options to address the state's historic budget shortfalls.

“The State's Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP) contingency plan could result in millions of dollars in Medicaid cuts. This loss is further compounded by the loss of federal matching funds.

“This is the eighth budget action in just over two years that cut funding to New York's health care providers more than \$5 billion in total. Haven't hospitals, nursing homes, and home care providers already contributed far more than their fair share?

“Our outrage over this FMAP contingency plan is justified. The plan will result in losses of jobs and patient services, and will impair the ability of doctors, hospitals, and other providers to serve their communities. The result will be more cost-shifting to the private sector, further weakening of Medicaid providers, and even greater economic distress in communities throughout the state.

“By targeting health care providers once again, New York's elected officials are taking us down a dangerous path. As recent closures have demonstrated, irreparable damage is being done to our health care system. It is imperative that state leaders reverse course before it is too late and protect the communities which they serve.”

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.