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HANYS Responds to Siena Poll That Found a Majority of New Yorkers Prefer a Tax Increase Over Cuts to Education and Health Care

Today's [Siena College Research Institute poll](#) found that a majority of New Yorkers would rather pay higher taxes than withstand additional cuts to health care and education funding.

The following is a statement from Healthcare Association of New York State (HANYS) President Daniel Sisto concerning those poll results:

“These results reveal a public that is deeply concerned about their access to health care and clearly willing to take action to protect it. What voters expressed in this poll represents a tremendous amount of energy that our next Governor can harness to accomplish what none before him have been able to do: to fundamentally redesign an overly costly health care system.

“HANYS has already taken a leading role by assembling a task force of our members that made a series of significant redesign recommendations. These recommendations confront the longstanding core problems plaguing the health care system. To start, we must redesign the structure of the Medicaid program; we must expand the use of managed care; we must correct the system's failure to encourage care coordination for the 20% of the population that accounts for a staggering 80% of all Medicaid spending, including those who require behavioral health and long-term care services.

“Cycle after cycle of across-the-board reimbursement cuts have done little to change the system, and little to make it more efficient and sustainable. In fact, blanket cuts have satisfied budget makers at the cost of imperiling care in numerous communities across the state, and essentially kicked the larger, systemic problems down the road again and again. We can no longer afford to ignore the fundamental problems. Across-the-board cuts are not a solution. Significant redesign is the only approach that will yield a less costly and sustainable system that the public relies upon and holds dear.”

[The Healthcare Association of New York State](#) (HANYS) is the only statewide voice for New York's health care provider community, representing more than 550 not-for-profit health care systems, hospitals, nursing homes, and home care agencies. No other organization can speak more comprehensively on behalf of the state's entire health care delivery system.