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**Statement by Healthcare Association of New York State President Daniel Sisto  
On Governor Cuomo’s State of the State Address**

ALBANY, N.Y. — “We all understand New York is facing a very difficult financial challenge and we are encouraged by the Governor’s willingness to work with HANY and other Medicaid stakeholders. We agree that a fundamental restructuring of the program is overdue and that better coordination of care for individuals with complex needs can produce both savings and better care.

“The Governor said ‘the planets have aligned,’ providing an opportunity to address longstanding, fundamental problems. We agree very much with that assessment and urge him to resist the past practice of damaging across-the-board Medicaid cuts, and instead institute reforms that address the real issues. For too long, short-term solutions have been pursued that were designed simply to hit budget targets, while doing nothing to fix these core problems. We are hopeful that Governor Cuomo has ushered in an era where we can now focus on necessary long-term strategies that will yield a more sustainable and more effective system.”

*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.*