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**STATEMENT OF HANYS PRESIDENT DANIEL SISTO ON THE FINAL  
2007-2008 STATE BUDGET**

ALBANY, N.Y. -- “The final budget agreement makes significant funding restorations that our hospitals and nursing homes desperately need. We recognize the Governor’s flexibility in working with the State Legislature and with us to move toward his vision of health care reform in a manner that does not jeopardize the existing delivery system. We will be an active partner in his efforts to improve the quality and efficiency of health care.

“As in years past, we are enormously grateful to Assembly Speaker Sheldon Silver and Senate Majority Leader Joseph Bruno for once again championing the cause of health care. Their strong support and leadership were essential to achieving these restorations. They each have proven time and again their commitment to supporting and protecting our hospitals and nursing homes.

“Looking ahead, we are hopeful that this budget process will lead to a necessary rhetorical and policy shift away from viewing hospital and nursing home funding cuts as a primary means of achieving true and lasting reform. We have all come to learn that the solution is not that simple.

“The health care system is enormously complex and interconnected. It is impossible to work on one part of it without intentionally or unintentionally affecting other areas. Achieving real reform will be similarly complex and challenging. We will need the full cooperation of all parties, including the government, providers, and insurers if we are to succeed. HANYS remains committed to being a constructive partner in that effort.”