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NEW YORK HEALTH PLAN ASSOCIATION ON SIGNING OF “COOLING OFF” BILL

Statement by Eric Linzer, HPA President & CEO

“We applaud Governor Cuomo for signing A.8084/S.6318, which will ensure that important consumer protections remain in place in instances where hospitals and health plans are in the middle of contract negotiations. While state law currently requires a two month ‘cooling off’ period when a contract between a health plan and a hospital is not renewed or is terminated by either party, it was set to expire this year.

“By extending the law’s sunset provision for an additional two years to 2021, this legislation will ensure that in the rare cases when a contract impasse occurs that patients aren’t put in the middle, and we appreciate the high priority from the Governor in taking quick action on this bill.”

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The New York Health Plan Association represents 29 managed care health plans that provide comprehensive health care services to more than 8 million New Yorkers.