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MSSNY Statement on Revised New York Health Act Legislation

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“The revised New York Health Act legislation announced today contains some improvements including changes to address some of the concerns raised by physicians with the potential enactment of such a far-reaching proposal. This includes parameters to limit burdensome prior authorization requirements and some additional steps to facilitate fairer negotiations between a government bureaucracy and the physicians delivering care.

Nevertheless, while we are aware that physician perspectives vary, MSSNY continues to have a long-standing policy in support of a multi-payor insurance system to achieve universal coverage and in opposition to a single payor system. MSSNY also has policy that calls on it to study the feasibility of varying systems for achieving universal coverage which includes single payor.

In this regard, MSSNY will continue to assess the strengths and weaknesses of this and other proposals to achieve universal health insurance coverage. There are many dynamics to this issue that must be considered. There are huge ramifications not only for patients considering their options for receiving needed care, but also for physicians and other health care providers deciding in which states they would like to deliver patient care. MSSNY is committed to working with Assemblyman Gottfried, Senator Rivera, the

Legislature and the Governor to enhance New Yorkers' ability to obtain comprehensive health insurance coverage that enable patients to receive needed care from the physician of their choice."

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