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The following statement is attributable to Deborah Fasser on behalf of the New York State Conference of Blue Cross and Blue Shield Plans:

“The Conference of Blue Cross and Blue Shields Plans are supportive of enhanced disclosure by both health plans and providers explaining both coverage and provider charges. We are however, concerned about minimum provider payments, or mandates, that drive up the cost of coverage.

Our members continue to struggle with the underlying increases in the cost of coverage. Each of the proposals under consideration will increase health insurance premiums to varying degrees. We are actively working with the Governor’s staff and the Legislature to develop a balanced approach that increases member rights without increasing the cost of coverage. We are hopeful that a reasonable and rational law could be enacted.”

The New York State Conference of Blue Cross and Blue Shield Plans (NYSCOP) is a partnership of Rochester-based Excellus Blue Cross Blue Shield and New York City-based Empire Blue Cross Blue Shield. Together, the two health insurance plans provide comprehensive health coverage for millions of New Yorkers and are dedicated to educating the public through in-depth research and analysis of the cost, access and quality of health care.

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