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NYS Health Facilities Association Statement on Long Term Care Workers During the COVID-19 Pandemic

Albany, New York — Stephen Hanse, President and CEO of the New York State Health Facilities Association and the New York State Center for Assisted Living (NYSHFA/NYSCAL) issued the following statement in response to Governor Cuomo’s press conference today:

“In order to further protect our residents and staff, we are grateful that hospitals can no longer discharge new patients into nursing homes that have tested positive or were suspected to have COVID-19. From the onset of this pandemic, nursing homes and assisted living providers have been on the front lines of the battle. The only way we will defeat this virus is working together with the State to ensure all nursing homes and assisted living providers are afforded the necessary resources to accomplish this goal.”

The State’s action today acknowledges the concerns providers voiced over the March 25th Department of Health advisory and we must continue to work together to implement solutions to assist long-term care providers. We are all in this together, and together, all of our actions must be directed at safeguarding our most vulnerable and lead us to overcome our present circumstances and create a stronger and safer future.”

The New York State Health Facilities Association (NYSHFA) is a mission driven organization representing over 400 skilled nursing and assisted living providers throughout New York.

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