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NYS Health Facilities Association to Testify at August 10, 2020 Joint Legislative Hearing

Albany, New York —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 the August 3 & 10, 2020 Joint Legislative Hearings.

"NYSHFA/NYSCAL looks forward to testifying at the August 10, 2020 Joint Legislative Hearing and continuing to work in partnership with the legislature on behalf of New York's skilled nursing and assisted living providers. We anticipate that these hearings will highlight the tremendous work of the men and women providing essential care in nursing homes and assisted living facilities. The hearings will demonstrate that the blame for the tragic toll on life in New York State and the country is the virus itself.

As we continue to fight the COVID-19 pandemic, it is essential that skilled nursing and assisted living providers receive equal priority to hospitals in terms of staffing, PPE and testing. Moreover, it is critical that the Legislature reverse its over 12 years of Medicaid cuts to providers and reinvest in the essential services provided by skilled nursing and assisted living providers who care for the most vulnerable in our communities."

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