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**NYPIRG Statement on Governor Cuomo's Pledge to Maintain State Health Insurance  
Regardless of Federal Action**

Today, Governor Cuomo directed the State's Department of Financial Services to issue emergency regulations to mandate health insurance protections currently enshrined in the Affordable Care Act (ACA), regardless of federal action to dismantle it.

The pre-emptive pledge is an important step to reassure the more than one million New Yorkers who have health insurance as a result of the ACA that they will not be left to suffer in a system that allows discrimination based on age, gender, or preexisting conditions. The State could go further to better serve New Yorkers with a single-payer health care system.

NYPIRG agrees; Access to affordable, quality health care is a human right. We applaud Governor Cuomo in stepping up amid an unpredictable federal climate where these rights are not a guarantee.