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**STATEMENT OF HEALTHCARE FOR ALL NEW YORK
ON THE PROPOSED 2012-2013 NEW YORK STATE EXECUTIVE BUDGET**

(New York, NY) [Health Care For All New York](#) (HCFANY), a coalition of more than 120 consumer advocacy organizations, applauds the inclusion of language to create a New York Health Benefit Exchange—a new insurance marketplace—in the 2012-2013 Executive Budget. This provision of the proposed budget is important for New Yorkers and will help individuals, families and small businesses get more affordable and better-quality health insurance. The establishment of an Exchange will bring the cost of insurance on the individual market down by 66 percent and small business insurance costs down by 22 percent.

Health Care for All New York looks forward to working closely with the Governor and the Legislature to ensure that a Health Benefit Exchange representing the needs of all consumers and small businesses is passed as a part of the final state budget due April 1st.

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