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**HCFANY praises the success of NYSOH and the ACA in new Census data**

(New York, NY) – Today Census data was released showing the ongoing success of the New York State of Health (NYSOH) and the Affordable Care Act (ACA). Leaders of Health Care for All New York (HCFANY) – a coalition of over 170 consumer advocacy groups – and other health advocates in New York State applauded the dramatic reductions in the uninsured rate.

“The Census data is showing what we already knew: if you build it right, they will come. The ACA and the New York State of Health Marketplace works for New Yorkers,” said Elisabeth Ryden Benjamin, Vice President, Health Initiatives, Community Service Society of NY and a co-founder of Health Care for All New York.

Before the implementation of the ACA the uninsured rate in New York was above 13%, meaning that 2.6 million non-elderly New Yorkers were consistently at risk of financial ruin and ill health. Today’s report from the Census Bureau shows that **New York’s uninsured rate has fallen to 8.7%**. The reduction in the number of uninsured can be directly credited to the success of the NYSOH, which has enrolled 2.1 million New Yorkers in health coverage since its inception.

“Health insurance coverage is central to protecting the health and financial wellbeing of New York’s children and families. Health Care for All New York looks forward to continuing to work with the New York State of Health and the Department of Health to ensure that all New Yorkers have access to quality, affordable health coverage,” said Kate Breslin, CEO, Schuyler Center for Analysis and Advocacy. “We have come a long way since the ACA was first signed into law.”

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