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STATEMENT FROM NEW YORK DISABILITY ADVOCATES PRESIDENT TOM MCALVANAH ON STATE HEALTH CARE WORKER BONUS PROGRAM LAUNCH

"We are greatly appreciative of Governor Hochul, her administration and the Department of Health for their roll out of the health care and mental hygiene bonuses, which was released today.

We applaud the administration for their inclusion of additional job titles for employees who are essential in the provision of health care services in hospitals and nursing homes into the bonus program, but are deeply dismayed that these bonuses would not extend to workers with the same titles who perform equivalent functions within the Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities sector. We look forward to working with the Department of Health to correct this oversight to ensure that there are not two sets of rules for workers in these sectors."