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**STATEMENT FROM HEALTH COMMISSIONER BASSETT ON SENATE'S VOTE
TO BEGIN DEBATE ON THE REPEAL OF THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT**

July 26, 2017 – “Health care is a right for all, not a privilege for the fortunate or wealthy. It is a tragedy for the American people and New Yorkers that the President and Congress have decided to play politics with our lives. Our mayor, Bill de Blasio, has persistently denounced the detrimental effects repealing and replacing the Affordable Care Act will have on people who need health care the most. The ACA has helped many New Yorkers access affordable health care. Now is the time to double down on that right, not double back as the Senate is doing,” said **Health Commissioner Dr. Mary T. Bassett**.

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