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STATEMENT

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NYS Academy of Family Physicians Commends Governor Hochul’s \$35 million Investment in Protecting Reproductive Healthcare Services; Calls for Further Action to Pass Legislation to Protect Providers of Abortion Care *Statement by James Mumford, MD, President*

“The New York State Academy of Family Physicians, which represents nearly 7,000 physicians, residents, and students in family medicine across New York State applauds the actions taken today by Governor Kathy Hochul to provide a \$35 million investment to preserve the right of patients to have access to the full range of reproductive health care in anticipation of the Supreme Court overturning *Roe v. Wade*. “

“This includes the creation of a \$25 million Abortion Provider Support Fund to help expand care capacity and ensure access for patients seeking abortion care in New York. The Governor also committed \$10 million for reproductive health care centers to provide security grants through the Division of Criminal Justice Services to help ensure the safety of physicians and other health providers of this care. This is especially important as there have been threats and acts of violence against providers of abortion services even before the current controversy regarding the Supreme Court decision.”

"Abortion is medical procedure and we strongly support efforts to ensure that individuals, both in and outside our State’s borders are able to access the reproductive healthcare they need from NY licensed providers. Today’s actions build on the strong policies enacted by New York State in recent years including the decriminalization of abortion care through the passage of the Reproductive Health Act, enacted in 2019 to place these protections in New York’s public health law. And more recently, the State Budget enacted in April requires insurance coverage of abortion services without cost-sharing obligations on patients.”

“New York continues to be a leader in protecting access to reproductive healthcare, but with the impending reversal of *Roe v. Wade*, more must be done to ensure access to abortion care for

those living in and outside our State. The Academy strongly urges the State Legislature and Governor Hochul to enact the following legislation before the 2022 session ends in June.”

Pending Legislation in NYS

[S7539, Krueger same as A8286, Paulin](#)

Exempts a person from a money judgment arising from an action in another state for knowingly engaging in conduct that aids or abets the performance or inducement of an abortion.

[S8777, Krueger same as A9627, Lavine](#)

Prohibits extradition of abortion providers unless the Executive authority of the demanding state alleges in writing that the accused was present in the demanding state at the time of the alleged offense and fled the state.

[S8778, Krueger same as A9615, Lavine](#)

Prohibits law enforcement from cooperating with out-of- state investigations related to the provision of lawful abortions.

[S8779, Krueger same as A9613, Lavine](#)

Prohibits courts and county clerks from issuing subpoenas in connection with out-of-state abortion proceedings.

[A9687, Rosenthal L/ S9079, Kaplan](#)

Prohibits professional misconduct charges against licensed medical professionals for providing abortion and reproductive health services to patients who reside in states where such services are illegal.

[A9718, Rosenthal/ S9080, Hinchey](#)

Prohibits medical malpractice insurance companies from taking any adverse action against a reproductive health care provider who provides legal reproductive health care.

[A10148, Gonzales-Rojas](#) and **[S9078, Cleare](#)**

Establishes the Reproductive Freedom and Equity Program to ensure access to abortion care in the State by providing funding to abortion providers and non-profit organizations to help facilitate access to abortion care. ***Consistent with Governor Hochul’s action today.***