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Amida Care Celebrates Dr. Mary T. Bassett's Appointment As Commissioner of New York State Department of Health

New York, NY (September 30, 2021) -- Amida Care, New York's largest Medicaid Special Needs Plan designed for people affected by HIV, released the following statement from President and CEO Doug Wirth, in response to Dr. Mary T. Bassett being named the new Commissioner of the New York State Department of Health by Governor Kathy Hochul:

"Amida Care congratulates Dr. Mary T. Bassett on her appointment as the new Commissioner for the New York State Department of Health. Governor Hochul has made an inspired choice in Dr. Bassett, who has a long and distinguished track record as both a leading public health expert and a dedicated public servant."

"Dr. Bassett takes the reins at NYSDOH at a crucial time in our state's history. The pandemic underlined the importance of public health, while also revealing startling inequalities in health outcomes, and stalled our effort to end the HIV epidemic. Dr. Bassett's decades of work fighting to address health disparities driven by structural racism will serve our state well as we strive towards greater equity in our healthcare system, and renew our effort to end the HIV/AIDS epidemic in New York once and for all."

Amida Care Inc. is a not-for-profit health plan that specializes in providing comprehensive health coverage and coordinated care to New Yorkers with complex conditions, including HIV and behavioral health disorders, and people who are of transgender experience or homeless (regardless of HIV status). Amida Care has a wide network of health care providers throughout New York City and is the largest Medicaid Special Needs Health Plan (SNP) in New York State. For more information, visit www.amidacareny.org.