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**Statement from Amida Care President and CEO Doug Wirth in Response to the 2024 Election Results**

(NEW YORK, NY) – Amida Care, a Medicaid Special Needs Health Plan in New York City and experts in HIV and gender-affirming care, released the following statement from President and CEO Doug Wirth in response to the 2024 election results:

“As we reflect on last night’s election outcome, we know these results bring serious implications, but they will never change our commitment to our mission and those we serve. Amida Care remains resolute in providing life-saving, compassionate care including high-quality gender-affirming and HIV care. This moment only reinforces our dedication to equitable health policy that centers and uplifts under-resourced communities, including those disproportionately impacted by HIV.”

“The shift in power in Washington reinforces our need to be vigilant in advocating for our members’ rights, pushing back against threats like Medicaid block-grants and restrictive employment requirements that could undermine access to care and our ability to end the HIV epidemic. We’ve faced threats to our health care and our freedoms before; our communities are resilient, and we’ll get through this. We will continue to fight for the vital federal funding needed to serve communities impacted by HIV, as well as for queer and trans rights and the right to health care.”

“Amid these concerns, we take heart in New York’s passage of Proposition 1, which enshrines protections for all communities in our State Constitution and sends a powerful message that discrimination will not be tolerated, as well as the election of Sarah McBride (DE) as the first openly transgender member of Congress. Our commitment to our members remains unwavering as we work with community partners and leaders to ensure that all New Yorkers have access to the health care and support they need.”

**Amida Care Inc.** is a not-for-profit health plan in New York City and expert in HIV and gender-affirming care. It 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](http://www.amidacareny.org).