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The Work Must Continue after the Chauvin Verdict

New York (April 21, 2021) – **Amida Care**, New York State’s largest not-for-profit Medicaid Special Needs Health Plan (SNP) designed for New Yorkers living with complex conditions like HIV, has issued the following statement from President and CEO **Doug Wirth** following the news that former Minneapolis police officer, Derek Chauvin, was convicted of George Floyd’s murder:

“Like many of you, I am relieved that justice was served yesterday, and Derek Chauvin will be held responsible for the death of George Floyd. But while we know that this is an important step, it is not an antidote to end systemic and structural racism.”

“We celebrate this important legal victory while acknowledging the loss suffered by the Floyd family and everyone who knew him. And we cannot forget the many other families of color who have lost loved ones to police violence. We also mourn Daunte Wright, Breonna Taylor, Adam Toledo and far too many others. And, we must continue to ‘say their names.’”

“We have a long way to go to end racial injustice in our country. Anti-Blackness is a widespread disease for which there is currently no vaccine. The work that is needed is deeply personal, soul-searching, community-based, faith-based, and must be government-led. My hope is that the work will continue to be inspired by our own civic participation.”

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.