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## **Amida Care Congratulates Council Member Mark Levine on Appointment as City Council Health Committee Chair**

New York, NY (January 12, 2018) – Doug Wirth, president and CEO of [Amida Care](http://www.amidacareny.org), New York’s largest not-for-profit Medicaid Special Needs Health Plan (SNP), issued the following statement regarding the appointment of New York City Council Member Mark Levine as Chair of the City Council Health Committee:

“Congratulations to Council Member Mark Levine on his appointment as the next New York City Council Health Committee Chair. We have been fortunate to have him as a supporter of quality health care that produces positive outcomes for all New Yorkers.

New Yorkers living with chronic conditions count on the City Council to support policies that help them access the care and services they need. This is especially true for people living with HIV/AIDS and those who are at high risk of contracting HIV. As we work toward the goal of Ending HIV/AIDS as an Epidemic in New York by the year 2020, the City Council plays a critical role, as it had under the previous Health Chair and now Council Speaker, Corey Johnson. We look forward to working with Council Member Levine in his new role as we continue to work toward ending health disparities and achieving equitable health care access for all of New York’s communities.”

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Amida Care Inc. is a not-for-profit health plan that specializes in providing comprehensive health coverage and coordinated care to New Yorkers with chronic conditions, including HIV and behavioral health disorders, and people who are homeless or of transgender experience (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).