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### **DANIEL SISTO TO RECEIVE AHA BOARD OF TRUSTEES AWARD**

**WASHINGTON** (April 2, 2014) – The American Hospital Association (AHA) today announced that Daniel Sisto, former president, Healthcare Association of New York State (HANYs), will be awarded its 2014 Board of Trustees Award. The award is presented to individuals or groups who have made substantial and noteworthy contributions to the work of the AHA. Sisto will receive the award at a ceremony at the AHA Annual Membership Meeting on Monday, May 5 in Washington, D.C.

“Dan has demonstrated impressive service to the hospitals of New York, through his long career as a state association executive,” said AHA President and CEO Rich Umbdenstock. “His commitment to advance national policy on behalf of all hospitals was seen through his active involvement in the AHA and is why we are honored to recognize Dan’s contributions with the Board of Trustees Award.”

For the American Hospital Association, Sisto most recently served on the AHA’s Allied Advisory Committee on Medicaid and he was on earlier task forces and working groups on Medicaid. In addition, he served on advisory committees and groups on variation in health care spending, recovery audit contractors, wage index and outliers, capital incorporation and other Medicare payment issues. Sisto was a member of the AHA’s Long-Range Policy Committee, the AHAPAC Steering Committee, Section for Metropolitan Hospitals governing council and a member and vice chair of the Committee on Allied Hospital Associations in the 1980s and ’90s.

He also served as a Coalition to Protect America's Health Care board member.

Sisto served as president of the Healthcare Association of New York State for 27 years, joining HANYS two years earlier as chief operating officer. Prior to his work with HANYS, Sisto held positions at two health care organizations in the Long Island region of NY, serving as executive vice president of the Nassau-Suffolk Hospital Council and deputy director of the Nassau-Suffolk Health Systems Agency.

Russ D. Harrington, Jr., president and CEO of Baptist Health in Little Rock, Ark. will also receive the 2014 Board of Trustees Award.

**About the American Hospital Association**

The AHA is a not-for-profit association of health care provider organizations and individuals that are committed to the improvement of health in their communities. The AHA is the national advocate for its members, which include nearly 5,000 hospitals, health care systems, networks and other providers of care. Founded in 1898, the AHA provides education for health care leaders and is a source of information on health care issues and trends. For more information visit the website at [www.aha.org](http://www.aha.org).

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