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Erin Billups has been NY1's health reporter since February 2013. She also hosted NY1's weekly health program "City Health Beat" for two years.

She was previously the first reporter stationed at Time Warner Cable's Washington D.C. Bureau, which launched in July 2011. In D.C., Billups covered President Obama's announcement of the end of the Iraq War and U.S. Supreme Court arguments on cases

ranging from immigration reform to health care reform.

Prior to working in Washington D.C., she kept tabs on changes in David Paterson's administration and the transition to Andrew Cuomo's administration as NY1's Albany Bureau Reporter. The end of her stint in Albany coincided with the historic passage of the controversial same-sex marriage bill in 2011.

Before working for NY1, Billups was the political reporter for Time Warner Cable's news channels in upstate New York, and for its political show *Capital Tonight*.

On her first day on the job, news broke of the Eliot Spitzer prostitution scandal. Throughout her tenure with the networks she covered the ins and outs of state government from the budget process, to the Senate Coup in the summer of 2009, to happenings on the campaign trail.

Billups began her career with Time Warner Cable as their morning reporter in Albany. Prior to that she was a general assignment reporter in Elmira-Corning at the ABC affiliate WENY-TV, where she covered the health beat.

Her broadcasting career began with an internship at TWC News' Albany station, then known as YNN. Her interest in politics grew following an internship with the New York Network, where she covered numerous state government stories in the capitol.

Billups, originally from Hollis, Queens, attended the State University at Albany where she received her Bachelor of Arts.