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**Statement on Governor Cuomo's 2019 – 2020 State of the State Address and Budget  
Proposal  
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Hospitals in the suburban regions of Long Island and the Hudson Valley are encouraged by the governor's acknowledgement that Medicaid reimbursement rates paid to hospitals have not kept pace with inflation. With Medicaid paying about 74 cents on the dollar for the actual cost of care, the current trajectory is unsustainable for most of New York's hospitals. Federal cuts to the Medicaid program will worsen the situation, so we are hopeful that the governor's proposals to invest in New York's hospitals will be endorsed by the Assembly and Senate.



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