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STATEMENT ABOUT THE NURSE STAFFING BILL PASSED BY THE NEW YORK STATE LEGISLATURE

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Hauppauge, NY (May 6, 2021) The clinical nurse staffing bill approved by the legislature strikes a reasonable compromise on appropriate hospital staffing. The establishment of clinical staffing committees at every hospital is the best possible outcome for patients and direct care givers. These committees take into account the expertise of frontline workers and hospital leaders who will work collaboratively to determine appropriate staffing levels. This approach also ensures that clinical leaders will have the flexibility to adjust staffing levels in response to changing patient needs and acuity, surge events, and other circumstances that locally affect one hospital and perhaps not another. Patient-facing staff who are at the bedside and on the unit floors will now be able to offer invaluable insight into staffing needs. All this translates into the highest quality care for patients. Many hospitals in the suburban regions have already implemented shared governance models with their workforce, and this legislation builds on those voluntary efforts. We look forward to working with our member hospitals, legislators, and members from the Department of Health to implement this legislation.

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About the Suburban Hospital Alliance of New York State

The Suburban Hospital Alliance of New York State advocates on behalf of hospitals in the Hudson Valley and Long Island regions. It engages key lawmakers and regulatory decision-makers in Albany and Washington to ensure reasonable and rational health care policy prevails.

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The [Nassau-Suffolk Hospital Council](#) represents the not-for-profit and public hospitals on Long Island. It works in conjunction with the [Suburban Hospital Alliance of New York State](#) to advance legislative and regulatory priorities. NSHC serves as the local and collective voice of hospitals on Long Island.

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