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Statement on 2026 – 2027 Proposed State Budget

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We appreciate that Governor Hochul's proposed 2026 - 2027 state budget is focused on ensuring stability for hospitals and other healthcare institutions amidst steep federal funding reductions, disruptions in insurance coverage and a rapidly changing federal regulatory environment. Her budget acknowledges both the extensive health cuts our state faces and the increases in uncompensated care hospitals will absorb due to the increased number of uninsured as a result of the 2025 federal tax bill. We are grateful that her budget calls for maintaining the Medicaid rate increases to providers legislated last year and seeks to provide \$1.5 billion in new funding to bolster the hospital and nursing home sectors, as well as additional funding for the Safety Net Transformation program.

It's a long way to April 1, 2026, when the new state fiscal year begins. Our hospitals are committed to working with the legislature and executive branch to bring balance and stability to New York's healthcare system.

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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.

About the Nassau-Suffolk Hospital Council (NSHC)



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.

About the Northern Metropolitan Hospital Association (NorMet)



The [Northern Metropolitan Hospital Association](#) represents the not-for-profit and public hospitals in the Hudson Valley region. It works in conjunction with the [Suburban Hospital Alliance of New York State](#) to advance legislative and regulatory priorities. NorMet serves as the local and collective voice of hospitals in the Hudson Valley.