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Statement on Gov. Hochul's 2023 – 2024 Budget Proposal

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Hauppauge, NY (February 1, 2023): “The governor’s proposed investments and policy changes hold promise for hospital providers and patients. The five-percent increase in Medicaid reimbursements will help close the gap between the actual cost of care and historically low Medicaid payments. In the suburban regions, hospitals are paid only 60 percent of the cost of providing care. However, most encouraging are the proposed investments in the healthcare workforce. We are pleased to see our industry’s call for workforce flexibilities, such as allowing clinicians outside our state to more easily practice in New York and modernization of the state’s education regulations, in this proposal. The healthcare workforce shortage is unrelenting; we applaud the governor for taking concrete steps to address it. More capital to help hospitals upgrade and modernize their aging facilities is another solid way to strengthen our healthcare infrastructure. The proposed investment in the behavioral health system, including improved insurance coverage and more robust outpatient networks, is also most welcomed. Finally, the proposed managed care reforms will more definitively hold health plans accountable. We look forward to receiving additional details soon, but these proposals are a good start to the budget process.”

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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