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Rep. Bishop Hears Hospitals' Concerns

Congressman Tim Bishop met with CEOs from hospitals in the first Congressional District on Thursday morning, August 16, 2007 at the offices of the Nassau-Suffolk Hospital Council (NSHC) in Hauppauge, NY. Hosted by the Hospital Council, the roundtable gathering allowed the CEOs and the Congressman to have a frank and open discussion about the major issues facing hospitals in Bishop's district. These issues include the ever widening gap between the actual cost to provide care and the Medicare reimbursement rate for that care, the out-migration of Suffolk County patients, lack of capital to invest in facility and equipment upgrades, and restraints, both clinical and economic, that commercial health plans impose upon hospitals.



Congressman Tim Bishop (right) with Nassau-Suffolk Hospital Council president/CEO Kevin Dahill.

"It was a rare opportunity to bring together the health care leaders from throughout Suffolk County. This was an extremely informative and honest exchange of ideas and it will allow me to be even more effective in advocating for the hospitals I represent and the patients they serve. The fact is that there are many health care challenges facing our community, but with the leadership of the Nassau-Suffolk Hospital Council and continued cooperation, we can continue to benefit from world class health care," said Congressman Tim Bishop.

The hospitals in Congressional District One are: Brookhaven Memorial Hospital Medical Center; Eastern Long Island Hospital; John T. Mather Memorial Hospital; Peconic Bay Medical Center; Southampton Hospital; St. Catherine of Siena Medical Center; St. Charles Hospital; Stony Brook University Medical Center.

Logo is More than a "Look"

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Nassau-Suffolk Hospital Council's new logo, premiering here in this publication, marks a new course in the Hospital Council's history and commitment to member hospitals. The new logo reflects the Hospital Council's geographical boundaries and hospital-specific focus. It redefines the Hospital Council's core mission of enhancing health care for all Long Islanders by representing the interests of Long Island's 24 not-for-profit and public hospitals before lawmakers, regulatory agencies, the media, and the public. This is accomplished through advocacy, education, and information.

New Law Enhances Patient and Provider Rights

*Business community helps drive
legislation through, seeks to
preserve integrity of health care
employee benefits*

Long Island patients and their health care providers were afforded further rights when Governor Spitzer signed the Health Summit bill into law on August 1, 2007. The bill, which mandates enhanced consumer and provider protections in relation to limitations on denial of claims for pre-authorized health care services and external appeals procedures, is the product of lobbying efforts of the Suburban Healthcare Alliance. The Nassau-Suffolk Hospital Council (NSHC), which represents Long Island's 24 not-for-profit and public hospitals, is a founding member of this group.

This is the fourth managed care reform the Alliance has advanced. Reforms passed last year included standardized CPT coding, 90 day maximum for physician credentialing, and limits on insurers' look back period.

The Alliance is a unique health care lobbying group, because an equal number of its members are businesses from throughout New York State. These business leaders have decided to take action and demand accountability from the health insurers into which they pump millions in premium dollars, on behalf of their employees, year after year.

"Payment for services authorized and rendered is a fundamental concept in business. The new legislation helps insure that health care providers in New York will now be treated equitably," said Alliance member John Lane, who is the retired managing director for J.P.Morgan and a trustee for Winthrop-University Hospital.

Alliance member Lowell Frey, president of Champion Cutting Tool and a trustee at South Nassau Communities Hospital, expressed a similar view when he learned that the bill was signed. "This bill is great news not only for hospitals, but for the business community as well. It's reassuring to know that the money we spend on health insurance benefits for our employees will truly provide those employees with the coverage and care they need and deserve."