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Statement on Gov. Hochul's 2022 – 2023 Budget Proposal

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Hauppauge, NY (January 18, 2022): "We welcome the governor's proposals to provide direct support to healthcare workers, invest in both the workforce and the facilities of the future, and increase Medicaid reimbursement rates for the first time in more than a decade. The governor also calls for a reform to the cap on Medicaid spending so that it more realistically reflects rising healthcare costs, changing demographics in our state and increased enrollment. Hospitals have advocated for this for many years. 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.

About the Nassau-Suffolk Hospital Council (NSHC)

The <u>Nassau-Suffolk Hospital Council</u> represents the not-for-profit and public hospitals on Long Island. It works in conjunction with the <u>Suburban Hospital Alliance of New York State</u> 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 <u>Northern Metropolitan Hospital Association</u> represents the not-for-profit and public hospitals in the Hudson Valley region. It works in conjunction with the <u>Suburban Hospital Alliance of New York State</u> to advance legislative and regulatory priorities. NorMet serves as the local and collective voice of hospitals in the Hudson Valley.

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