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Statement by Gary J. Fitzgerald, President and CEO of Iroquois Healthcare Alliance, on Governor Hochul's Proposed Budget

ALBANY, NY —Today, Governor Hochul delivered her Fiscal Year 2023 budget address. Although we are awaiting details, we applaud the Governor for making such a strong commitment to healthcare and the healthcare workforce.

IHA commends Governor Hochul for taking bold and long overdue action by proposing a \$10 Billion investment in New York's healthcare system. IHA has been a leader in regularly sharing industry data with policymakers to demonstrate the need for this kind of investment. We are gratified that our message is resonating.

Budget Initiatives:

- \$10 Billion investment in health care system. The largest in state history.
- \$1 Billion in bonuses for health care workforce
- \$1.6 Billion capital program for healthcare facility and nursing home improvement
- \$400 Million opioid addiction programs

While IHA and our member hospitals are cautiously optimistic as we await the full details of these PROPOSALS, we continue to eagerly stand ready to work with Governor Hochul, Legislative Leaders and all of our partners in the Legislature this session.

About the [Iroquois Healthcare Association](#): IHA is a regional healthcare trade organization representing 54 hospitals and health systems, spanning over 28,000 square miles, across 32 counties of Upstate New York. IHA is the leading resource for facilities and professionals bringing quality health care to the region. IHA represents the unique needs of rural, small community safety-net providers to large, academic medical centers in Upstate New York's urban areas through advocacy, education and information, cost-savings initiatives and innovative business solutions.