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NYS Health Facilities Association Statement on Governor Hochul's State of the State Address

Albany, New York — Stephen Hanse, President and CEO of the New York State Health Facilities Association (“NYSHFA”), a statewide organization representing over 450 not-for profit, proprietary and government sponsored skilled nursing and assisted living facilities issued the following statement today in response to Governor Hochul’s State of the State Address.

“It’s been said that leaders are problem solvers by talent, temperament and choice, and Governor Hochul’s State of the State address today made clear to all New Yorkers that our State has a Governor who possesses all these traits and is a true problem solver – especially when it comes to healthcare.”

“In opening up her State of the State remarks by acknowledging that healthcare workers are the foundation of New York’s healthcare system, Governor Hochul set forth historic, necessary and comprehensive solutions to address the State’s workforce crisis and other enduring issues that have been facing New York’s long-term care system for far too long.”

“By investing \$10 billion to support healthcare providers and wages for workers; implementing initiatives to rebuild and grow New York’s healthcare workforce by 20% over 5 years; supporting increased job flexibility for long-term care workers; and investing in Green House nursing home models, to name a few of her initiatives, Governor Hochul demonstrated her commitment to resolving long-standing issues to ensure that New York once again has the best healthcare industry in the nation.”

“We look forward to working in partnership with Governor Hochul and the Legislature to implement these and other critical initiatives to strengthen the sustainability of long-term care services throughout New York.”

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