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Assembly And Senate Agree On Legislation For The Westchester Medical Center

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a county MOE (maintenance of effort) that amounts to \$85 million over three years.

“Westchester Medical Center is a lifeline for so many in the Lower Hudson Valley—We and I am hopeful an agreement can be reached with the Governor to do just that,” said

County Executive Spano thanked the Westchester delegation for their strong and invaluable support of the Medical Center which provides life saving care to more than 150,000 adults and children every year. “I thank our members of the State Senate and Assembly for pushing this legislation through. This is proof positive of the new direction and operational improvements the Medical Center’s management team has put in place and further recognition of the vital role it plays in the health care of the region. Under the leadership of Mike Israel and Gary Brudnecki, Westchester Medical Center has charted a new course, bringing in new physicians and nurses, the latest technology and new services to serve the area’s toughest cases,” said County Executive Spano.

County Executive Spano continued, “With this legislation, the Medical Center achieves the financial footing it deserves, and our delegation deserves the credit for making this happen.

Assemblyman George Latimer said, “Government should be a partnership—and this action shows that the State intends to be a full partner in the financial health of the Medical Center .”

Medical Center to continue its dramatic turnaround. It adds to the \$100 million in cash benefits, over \$60 million this year alone, that the Westchester Board of Legislators, working with the County Executive, has provided the Medical Center since 2003. The County has also approved a program to handle millions of dollars in capital needs for the facility. The combined County and State aid will help ensure that residents of Westchester County and the entire mid-Hudson region continue to have access to the finest medical care available.

The Medical Center is also crucial for the regional and State economy. The Center supports more than six thousand jobs in the region, and the overall impact that the Westchester Medical Center has on the economy of New York State is approximately \$1.1 billion per year.