

GRANTS TO IMPROVE UPSTATE HEALTH CARE

ALBANY, 03/23/09 - State Senator James L. Seward (R/C/I-Oneonta) today announced that a number of physicians, hospitals, and health care facilities in the 51st district will receive funding under New York State's Doctors Across New York program.

Under the program \$15.6 million in funding is provided to offer loan forgiveness, grants and enhanced reimbursement to encourage new primary care and specialist physicians to practice in underserved areas.

"The 'Doctors Across New York' program is particularly important to rural upstate areas of the state that have trouble attracting physicians," said Senator Seward. **"By repaying loans through this program, doctors can concentrate on working in these underserved areas, caring for patients, and improving the local quality of life."**

Items in the Doctors Across New York program include:

- * A loan repayment program - up to \$150,000 - for medical school loans for new physicians who commit to practice in medically underserved communities for five years;
- * Two year grants totaling \$100,000 to support new doctors who join or establish practices in communities that are medically underserved;
- * Funding for minority and economically-disadvantaged students who are accepted to medical school programs; and
- * \$5 million to support resident training in community settings.

"Providing high-quality health care is just one piece of the puzzle. This will help bring business to the region, and improve economic development for our upstate area," concluded Seward.

Attached is a list of local physicians and health care facilities receiving funding.

Physician or Health Care Facility	5 Year Total ¹	Specialty	Type of Practice	Practice Location ²	Type of Underserved Community	County
Antony Po-yu Hsu, MD	\$150,000	Emergency Medicine	Private Practice	Cortland	Rural	Cortland
Fadi N. Makhlof, MD	\$150,000	Obstetrics	Private Practice	Ithaca	Rural	Tompkins
Little Falls Hospital	\$150,000	Pediatrics	Hospital	Little Falls	Rural	Herkimer
Mary Imogene Bassett Hospital	\$150,000	Family Medicine	Clinic	Norwich	Rural	Chenango
Aurelia Osborn Fox Memorial Hospital	\$100,000	Family Medicine	Hospital	Oneonta	Rural	Otsego
Bassett Hospital of Schoharie County	\$150,000	Family Medicine	Hospital	Cobleskill	Rural	Schoharie
Bassett Hospital of Schoharie County	\$125,000	Cardiology	Hospital	Cobleskill	Rural	Schoharie
Mary Imogene Bassett Hospital	\$150,000	Family Medicine	Clinic	Richfield	Rural	Otsego

1. First year award is \$20,000 or 15% of total.
2. Practice Location is based on anticipated practice site not necessarily the applicant

Physician or Health Care Facility	2 Year Total ¹	Specialty	Type of Practice	Practice Location ²	Type of Underserved Community	County
Cortland Regional Medical Center	\$100,000	Obstetrics	Hospital	Cortland	Rural	Cortland
OB-GYN Associates of Ithaca	\$100,000	Obstetrics	Private Practice	Ithaca	Rural	Tompkins
Chenango Memorial Hospital	\$100,000	Primary Care	Clinic	Sherburne	Rural	Chenango
Bassett Hospital of Schoharie County	\$65,000	General Surgery	Hospital	Cobleskill	Rural	Schoharie
Bassett Hospital of Schoharie County	\$87,000	Gastroenterology	Hospital	Cobleskill	Rural	Schoharie
Columbia Memorial Hospital	\$80,000	Primary Care	Clinic	Catskill	Rural	Greene
Mary Imogene Bassett Hospital	\$50,700	Child Psychiatry	Hospital	Cooperstown	Rural	Otsego
Mary Imogene Bassett Hospital	\$65,000	Psychiatry	Hospital	Cooperstown	Rural	Otsego

1. First year award is 50% of total.
2. Practice Location is based on anticipated practice site not necessarily the applicant