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James L. Seward

Seward Delivers Funding For A.O. Fox

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ONEONTA, 07/08/13 – State Senator James L. Seward (R/C/I-Oneonta) today announced that a recently adopted senate resolution includes, at his insistence, \$250,000 to provide medical equipment for A-O Fox Memorial Hospital in Oneonta.

“A.O. Fox Memorial Hospital is a recognized leader in the field of rural, community health care,” said Senator Seward. **“I am pleased to partner with the hospital as they update their patient care model to successfully meet new challenges while continuing to offer the best possible care.”**

The legislative grant secured by Senator Seward is in addition to an \$8.7 million HEAL-NY grant awarded to A.O. Fox Memorial Hospital last year. The funding is being used to

restructure and modernize the inpatient bed complement to achieve cost efficiencies and support quality improvements.

A.O. Fox Memorial Hospital President John Remillard said, "'On behalf of Fox Hospital and its Gold Standard of Patient Care Campaign, we are so grateful and honored by the news of the funding obtained by Senator Seward. As those in Senator Seward's district know well, he has always supported so many local endeavors in healthcare, the arts, education, recreation and economic development."

The \$250,000 state grant will assist in the purchase of wall mounted computers and scanners to be utilized in newly renovated single occupancy patient rooms. Each room will be equipped with the latest technology such as bedside medication bar code scanning and heart monitoring.

“Along with providing optimal health care, A.O. Fox Memorial Hospital is a prime employer that enhances the quality of life in the greater Oneonta area. When families and businesses consider locating here they can be secure in the knowledge that their medical needs will be more than satisfied,” Seward concluded.

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Photo caption: Senator Seward (left) joins Renata Talbot, R.N. for a tour of one of the newly renovated patient rooms at A.O. Fox Memorial Hospital.