



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

Patrick M. Gallivan

Grant Awarded to Wyoming County Hospital

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Senator Patrick M. Gallivan says Wyoming County Community Health System will receive \$20-million in state funding to support the facility's economic recovery and Healthcare Sustainability Initiative. The funding is part of more than \$95-million in grant awards intended to improve the delivery of health care in the Finger Lakes Region.

"Rural hospitals face great challenges in our rapidly changing health care industry," Gallivan said. "I am pleased that Wyoming County Community Hospital is receiving this vital state funding which will enable it to continue to meet the health care needs of its residents well

into the future."

"Today's announcement is a real game changer for Wyoming County," said Wyoming County Board of Supervisors Chair A.D. Berwanger. "First and foremost, I need to thank Governor Cuomo, Lt. Governor Hochul and Senator Gallivan for their constant attention to the needs of Wyoming County and in this instance, specifically Wyoming County Community Hospital. This kind of funding goes a long way in a rural county. The sustainability of rural Healthcare in Wyoming County will be alive and well for years to come."

Governor Andrew M. Cuomo announced \$95.8 million in grant awards for 10 projects that will dramatically transform and improve the delivery of health care in the Finger Lakes Region. This funding is a portion of a \$1.5 billion commitment made by New York State to help health care providers statewide fund critical capital and infrastructure improvements, as well as integrate and further develop health systems.

"We have a responsibility to continue to make critical capital and infrastructure improvements that transform our health care system into one of sustainability with a deep focus on improving patient care and delivery of vital services." Governor Cuomo said. "This funding allows them to do just that and is yet another example of how New York is leading the nation in adapting to meet 21st century health care needs."

The awards are being made through the Capital Restructuring Financing Program and Essential Health Care Provider Support Program. Both were created by Governor Cuomo to support the goals of the Delivery System Reform Incentive Program (DSRIP), the main mechanism for investing the \$7.3 billion in Medicaid savings that resulted from the groundbreaking waiver between New York and the federal government in 2014.

The goals of DSRIP include reducing health care costs, improving the health of New Yorkers, reducing avoidable hospital admissions and emergency room visits by 25 percent by 2020, and ensuring the financial sustainability of safety net health care providers.