

# DEBT SERVICE AND HOSPITAL CAPITAL



SUNY’s three public hospitals are comprised of Upstate University Hospital in Central New York, Stony Brook Hospital in Long Island, and University Hospital of Brooklyn at Downstate. Together, they account for around 100,000 hospital discharges, 200,000 emergency room visits, and almost one million outpatient visits. They provide much needed healthcare in our communities and clinical training opportunities for SUNY’s medical schools. Like other hospitals across New York State, they are struggling, dealing with the effects and aftermath of the pandemic, workforce shortages, and increasing costs that are not adequately reimbursed by payers. The Jacobs School of Medicine at the University at Buffalo trains current and future physicians and health professionals to deliver high quality care.

## **Request #1: Make debt service relief permanent, allowing SUNY hospitals and the Jacobs School of Medicine to invest these monies into ongoing operations**

Thanks to the Legislature, for the past two years, the State has not “swept” patient revenues from the three hospitals, back to the General Fund, to reimburse the costs of incurring debt. This has provided much needed relief and support and is consistent with how this type of indirect benefit of the State is provided to our academic campuses. In addition, debt service relief is also sought for the Jacobs School of Medicine at the University at Buffalo in the same the way State provides indirect support to other SUNY academic campuses.

### **The State University of New York (SUNY) Current Outlook on Hospital/Health Debt Service Costs**

2024/25

Downstate	\$14.8
Stony Brook	\$31.6
Upstate	\$32.7
Buffalo	\$12.3

**Total \$91.4 MILLION**

## **Request #2: Help Maintain and Renovate SUNY Hospital Facilities through Capital Investments**

SUNY Hospitals were built decades ago and need continual upgrades and renovations to meet codes and regulations for patient safety. Capital investments are needed to support up-to-date medical equipment and modernization efforts. It is imperative to at least maintain last year’s capital funding levels of \$50 million for each of the three SUNY hospitals.