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PUBLIC SECTOR NYSNA NURSES REACH BREAKTHROUGH AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF NEW YORK AND NY CITY HEALTH AND HOSPITALS

NEW YORK, NY ---- Public sector nurses at NYC Health + Hospitals and NY City Mayoral agencies have reached a tentative agreement settling their contract with the City and the Health + Hospitals system. NYSNA represents more than 9,500 registered nurses at the public hospitals and city agencies.

The tentative agreement includes groundbreaking nurse to patient staffing ratios that protect patients and improve nurses' working conditions; significant financial enhancements to promote the recruitment and retention of registered nurses; competitive wage increases; and important improvements in the professional work environment of Registered Nurses.

NYSNA Health and Hospital president Judith Cutchin, RN, who led the negotiations for NYSNA, emphasized that "by directly addressing the recruitment and retention of nurses, the contract will positively affect the communities that rely on the public hospitals and public health nurses, who provide vital health services."

The tentative agreement is subject to ratification by the NYSNA H+H and Mayoral membership. Details will be provided after the membership has had an opportunity to review the agreement and cast their votes.

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