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Washington, DC - As part of his ongoing effort to improve health care for Northern New Jersey residents, Congressman Steve Rothman (D-NJ9) today announced that he has won Congressional approval for a total of \$865,000 for Englewood Hospital and Medical Center, Holy Name Hospital, and Hackensack University Medical Center to expand and enhance their facilities. Rothman, a member of the House Appropriations Committee, worked with his colleagues to ensure that the provisions for the three hospitals were included in the final appropriations bill for Fiscal Year 2003.

"I was very pleased to secure \$865,000 to improve and expand three of New Jersey's finest hospitals - Englewood Hospital and Medical Center, Holy Name Hospital, and Hackensack University Medical Center - so that they can continue to provide their first-rate services to even more of our region's people," Rothman said. "Residents of Northern New Jersey are very fortunate to have so many outstanding hospitals in our area and I was honored to obtain the funding that will help them expand and enhance their already outstanding facilities."

Englewood Hospital and Medical Center will utilize its \$312,500 in federal funds to expand its emergency department, which has seen an increase in visits, due in part to the new cardiac surgery program instituted in 2000. Additionally, funds will be devoted to their outpatient clinic, which served 23,000 patients in 2001, and has experienced steady growth for several years. Holy Name, as a major provider of dialysis service in the North Jersey region, plans to use its \$312,500 in federal dollars to modernize its 41 dialysis stations and add new stations to its dialysis center. Holy Name will also use the funds to expand its emergency department. Hackensack University Medical Center will use its \$240,000 in federal money to help develop the Sarkis Gabrellian Women's and Children's Pavilion, a six-story building which will provide care for patients and space for visitors who want to be with a loved one who is hospitalized.

"The dollars that I have secured will allow our hospitals to expand their facilities in order to keep up with the growing number of people who are seeking their services," Rothman said.

The money for the hospitals was included in the final budget bill for Fiscal Year 2003 that the House and Senate both overwhelmingly approved Thursday night. The measure now moves to the White House where President Bush is

expected to sign it into law.

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