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Hudson Headwaters Gets \$400,000 for Electronic Medical Records

Glens Falls -- Hudson Headwaters Health Network will receive \$400,000 from New York State to help acquire an Electronic Medical Records (EMR) system. The funding is part of \$1 million in support for health information technology to be shared by three community health centers in upstate New York: Hometown Health in Schenectady, Hudson Headwaters Health Network, and Whitney M. Young Jr. Health Services in Albany.

“The patients of Hudson Headwaters are the beneficiaries of the hard work of their New York State Senator, Betty Little, and her colleague from the Capital Region, Hugh Farley,” said John Ruge, M.D., and CEO of Hudson Headwaters. “They fought hard to get these funds included in the New York State budget because they understand that primary care is the foundation of our health care system, and that safety net providers like Hudson Headwaters need to be supported.”

Ruge said that the health care industry is rapidly moving to electronic medical records because of their many advantages over paper medical records. “EMRs will help us to improve the quality and coordination of care, while streamlining how the vast quantity of patient medical information is managed,” Ruge said.

“This is a smart investment that will enable Hudson Headwaters and these other providers to keep pace with the technological changes transforming our health care system,” said Little. “Improved efficiency means more cost-effective care for patients and I’m pleased Senator Farley and I could help by teaming up to secure this funding.”

Ruge said that converting to electronic medical records will be accomplished over the next couple of years at a cost of several million dollars. “The funding from New York State is crucial to our efforts to move forward with this, and we are extremely grateful to Senator Little for her success in securing these funds.”

Hudson Headwaters is a not-for-profit, community-based network of health centers and health programs, serving the Lake George/Adirondack and Glens Falls Region for 27 years. Hudson Headwaters health facilities are located in Bolton Landing, Chestertown, Glens Falls, Indian Lake, Moreau, Moriah, North Creek, Queensbury, Schroon Lake, Ticonderoga and Warrensburg.

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