

**Hudson Headwaters CEO Named to
New York State Hospital Review and Planning Council**



John Rugge, M.D., the Chief Executive Officer of the Hudson Headwaters Health Network has been named to the New York State Hospital Review and Planning Council. Rugge was nominated for the uncompensated position by Governor Paterson and confirmed by the New York State Senate.

“John Rugge’s vast knowledge and experience in the health care field make him a valuable asset in this advisory position,” said Senator Betty Little. “We have to get a handle on health care costs, and Dr. Rugge’s presence on this council can help.”

The Hospital Review and Planning Council reviews “certificate of need” applications that seek to establish new health care facilities or to expand, renovate or close exiting ones, such as hospitals, nursing homes and health centers. The council is also charged with improving the quality, efficiency and economy of health care throughout the state.

“I am delighted to serve,” said Dr. Rugge. “These are difficult times and the economics of health care are a big part of our state and national troubles. We must find a way to provide high-quality health care without resorting to the most expensive solutions.”

The council, which meets at least four times a year, is composed of 31 members from across New York State. Dr. Rugge was appointed to a three-year term.

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