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Hackensack, NJ -- Congressman Steve Rothman (D-NJ9) today announced that Hackensack University Medical Center will receive a \$222,141 grant and Liberty HealthCare System will receive a \$540,460 grant from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to cover expenses or lost revenue as a direct result of their immediate response to the public health emergency caused by the September 11 terrorist attacks.

"In addition to our responsibility to help the families of those who were killed on September 11th, we also have an obligation to reimburse health care facilities that displayed the spirit of America by providing immediate and vital medical attention with no regard for cost," Rothman said. "As we heal and rebuild as a nation, we must extend a hand to those who heroically gave their time and money to save thousands of lives during one of the most tragic events in our nation's history."

In response to the terrorist attacks, Hackensack University Medical Center set up a mobile intensive care unit to establish a medical treatment area at site, and sent staff to New York City in the days following the attacks. Additionally, the Medical Center was responsible for coordinating the Northern New Jersey basic and advanced life support units to respond to the attacks.

On September 11, Liberty HealthCare System treated 176 patients in the emergency department of its three hospitals, including many New York City police and firefighters evacuated by boat to New Jersey in the hours immediately following the terrorist attacks. Additionally, Liberty HealthCare System established a blood screening center, and provided counseling services.

In addition to Hackensack University Medical Center and Liberty HealthCare System, 19 other New Jersey health centers received grants, including the Bergen Community Regional Blood Center in Paramus which received \$25,871.

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