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Englewood Hospital to Expand Breast Cancer Center;
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Washington, DC -- Following appeals from Congressman Steve Rothman to fellow members of the House Appropriations Committee, the U.S. House of Representatives today approved a measure that includes language Rothman authored to provide \$100,000 to Englewood Hospital and Community Center (EMHC) for the expansion of its breast cancer detection and treatment facility, and a separate \$100,000 to Holy Name Hospital in Teaneck for improvements to its dialysis center. EMHC plans to triple the size of its current breast cancer facility, which has seen a dramatic increase in its caseload over the past decade. In 1991, EMHC established a new facility which streamlined and expedited the often lengthy process of breast cancer detection, diagnosis, and treatment. As a result of this improved service, the hospital has been overwhelmed, and is in need of additional space to expand its service to 30,000 patients each year.

"With its state-of-the-art equipment, Englewood Hospital has established an exceptional track record on breast cancer diagnosis," said Rothman, who testified on the need for funds at a House Labor, Health and Human Services, Education Appropriations subcommittee hearing in March. "As a result of its well-known service, the number of mammograms performed at Englewood Hospital has soared from 1,450 in 1990 to 11,825 last year. An expanded facility will allow even more women to receive the prompt attention they deserve, and help make a traumatic experience more bearable."

As a major provider of dialysis service in the North Jersey region, Holy Name plans to use the funds to modernize its 41 stations and add 9 new stations to its dialysis center. The hospital hopes to treat an additional 36 patients at its dialysis center on a daily basis.

"Holy Name Hospital provides dialysis service, and in turn a better life, to more than 100 North Jersey residents each day," Rothman said. "It is crucial that the hospital receives the resources it needs to provide a higher level of care to even more people. I applaud my colleagues on both sides of the aisle in the House for their approval of this legislation that will have a tremendous impact on thousands of lives."

The funds are part of the Veterans Affairs - Housing and Urban Development Appropriations (VA-HUD) bill, one of 13 spending bills Congress is required to pass each year. Following Senate approval, which is anticipated in the coming days, the bill will head to the White House where the president is expected to sign it into law.

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