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## **Recent Hospital Layoffs Result From State Medicaid Cuts**

### **Nearly 100 Utica-Area Hospital Jobs Lost, Following Numerous Other Job Losses and 30 Hospital Closures Across the State in the Last Decade**

ALBANY, NY — Two Utica-area hospitals yesterday [announced](#) layoffs of nearly 50 staff and the elimination of 44 other positions, citing millions of dollars in state Medicaid cuts as a key factor in their decision. These layoffs follow similar recent actions in regions across the state, and the closure of 30 hospitals in just the last decade.

Commenting on the latest job losses, [Healthcare Association of New York State](#) (HANYS) Vice President for Communications, William Van Slyke, said: “In the last two-and-a-half years alone, the state has cut Medicaid reimbursement by \$5.3 billion, without instituting any meaningful or lasting reform measures. These recent layoffs are a result of those short-sighted actions.

“It is imperative that we act now to fundamentally redesign the Medicaid system, and stop pursuing the failed short-term strategy of instituting damaging across-the board Medicaid cuts. If we fail to truly fix the system for the long haul, many more of these layoff notices will follow, many more families will be forced to flee the state, and many more hospitals and health care facilities will be lost, further diminishing New Yorkers’ access to essential care.

“We must act now build a sustainable system that provides efficient and effective care, while protecting the more than [686,000 hospital and health system jobs that fuel economic activity](#) in communities across the state.”

*[HANYS](#), the only statewide hospital and continuing care association in New York State, represents more than 550 non-profit and public hospitals, nursing homes, home care agencies, and other health care organizations.*