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Nassau County Issues Invoice to New York State for \$1.75 Million for NIFA's Oversight of NUMC

(Mineola, NY) – On behalf of the taxpayers of Nassau County, Elaine Phillips, Nassau County Comptroller, has issued an invoice for \$1,750,000 to the New York State Division of Budget. The County is seeking reimbursement for operating expenses incurred by the Nassau Interim Finance Authority (NIFA) in its role as an oversight and control agency for Nassau University Medical Center (NUMC) and its parent company, Nassau Health Care Corp (NHCC).

In May 2025, the New York State Legislature enacted a comprehensive restructuring and oversight plan for the NHCC, the public benefit corporation that operates NUMC, its clinics and the A. Holly Patterson Extended Care Facility. The legislation effectively shifted full operational and financial control for NUMC and NHCC to New York State.

While NIFA has long had an oversight role with NHCC, in June 2025 NIFA placed NHCC in a full-blown control period,¹ due to its dire financial condition and ongoing losses of hundreds of millions of dollars annually.

NIFA's operations – which amounted to \$3.5 million from May 2025 to August 2026 – are funded by Nassau County's sales tax revenue. NIFA receives the County's Sales tax payments from the State, withholds its own operating expenses, and forwards the balance to the County.

With NUMC and NHCC *not under the County's control*, it is clear that County's taxpayers should not be footing the bill for NIFA's oversight of the troubled healthcare system. Accordingly, the County Comptroller's Office has billed half of NIFA's charges for the past 16 months back to the State.

"On behalf of the taxpayers of Nassau County, and as their duly elected Comptroller and fiscal watchdog, I intend to stop the practice of having our residents and businesses paying millions of dollars for a New York State control board to oversee a New York State-run hospital," said Comptroller Phillips.

Going forward, Nassau County will invoice the State quarterly for half of NIFA's charges to account for the two distinct roles it is filling.

¹ NIFA 2025 Annual Report https://nifa.ny.gov/system/files/documents/2026/03/2025-annual-report_0.pdf pg. 12

About the Comptroller's Office

Comptroller Elaine Phillips is the independent protector of the taxpayers and residents of Nassau County. With a population of almost 1.4 million people and an annual budget of approximately \$5 billion, Nassau County relies on Comptroller Phillips and her dedicated staff to monitor Nassau's budget and financial operations. The Comptroller's Office reports on matters that affect Nassau's financial health, proactively advocates for operational efficiency on behalf of the taxpayers, and audits government departments and outside agencies that do business with the county to uncover and prevent waste, fraud, and inefficiency.

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