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& the Communities We Serve



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To The Editor (the New York Post):

The experiences described by "Anonymous" at Coney Island Hospital, May 8, 2016, fly in the face of descriptions of millions of hospital visits of New Yorkers to Health and Hospital (H + H) facilities around the city.

More than one in five New Yorkers received care in the public system last year, for emergencies and other care, with outstanding results.

In fact, two H+H facilities were among a handful of hospitals in the state that received "A" grades in the Leapfrog Hospital Safety Scores released April 25, 2016. Thanks to a dedicated group of doctors, nurses and other caregivers, this extraordinary public system is open for care 24/7.

Any staffing shortages that exist could well be addressed and remedied if H + H received fair funding based on the number of patients it cares for as well as the patient population served. That's why doctors, nurses, public health experts and community members are constantly calling for full and adequate funding of the public system and will be in Albany next week advocating on this vital issue.

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