

Washington, DC - Congressman Maurice Hinchey (D-NY) today announced that he's secured final congressional approval of \$300,000 for Kingston/Benedictine Hospitals to make capital upgrades that will improve the quality of their care of their dialysis services. The congressman requested the funds as part of the fiscal year 2010 Labor, Health and Human Services and Education Appropriations bill. The House is expected to approve the funds tomorrow followed by quick Senate approval. President Obama is then expected to sign the bill into law.

"These federal funds will help enhance the quality of dialysis service in the Hudson Valley," Hinchey said. "I was very pleased to secure this funding, which will help improve the health and quality of life for people throughout the Hudson Valley."

In order to prevent duplicative services at Kingston and Benedictine Hospitals now that the two have merged, the facilities are undergoing a series of consolidation activities. The funds Hinchey secured will help pay for the consolidation of the Inpatient Acute Dialysis Unit in an effort to pave the way for the consolidation of the Intensive Care Units onto The Kingston Hospital campus.