

Governor's State of the State Health Care Initiatives

OVERVIEW

On January 9th, Governor Andrew Cuomo delivered his 2017 State of the State speech in New York City. The State of the State was accompanied by several health care-related proposals, outlined below.

Life Sciences Investment Initiative

The State will sponsor a \$650 million initiative to support the growth life sciences research in New York. Life sciences fields include biotechnology, pharmaceuticals, biomedical technology, and life systems technologies. Organizations covered should “devote the majority of their efforts” to research and development, technology transfer, and/or commercialization within these fields.

The initiative includes the following components:

- \$250 million in tax incentives to promote the growth of life sciences companies;
- \$200 million in capital grants for space development over ten years; and
- \$100 million in State capital to be used for early stage investments, with \$100 million in matching funds pledged by private sector partners.

The tax incentives that are available will be:

- Up to \$10 million per year in Excelsior tax credits for existing life sciences businesses;
- A 15 percent refundable tax credit for research and development expenses of new life science businesses (up to 20 percent for small businesses);
- Tax credits of 25 percent of investments (up to \$250,000) for angel investors.

The State will also establish internship and recruitment programs, advisory panels, and other partnerships to help encourage life sciences entrepreneurship, including a \$17 million capital investment in JLABS @ NYC, a collaboration between Johnson & Johnson and the New York Genome Center to build a 30,000-square foot space in Manhattan that can support up to 30 life sciences startups. In addition, the State will create a new Life Sciences Advisory Board to oversee these efforts.

SPG's summary of this initiative is [here](#). The website can be found [here](#).

Regional Capital Investments

The Governor proposes investing in the following healthcare-related capital projects:

- Providing \$50 million to Montefiore Health System for projects expanding access to care in the Bronx and lower Hudson Valley;
- Establishing various programs in central and Eastern Brooklyn designed with a holistic perspective on health improvement, including nutrition and food programs and supportive housing units, in addition to investing in the local health care delivery system to expand its emphasis on community-based primary and ambulatory care; and
- Establishing a committee to consider incorporating the State-run Institute for Basic Research in Developmental Disabilities into the City University of New York (CUNY) system; and
- New investments in the Buffalo Niagara Medical Campus to support more innovation space.