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Assembly Member Kay's Statement \$10 Million Dollar Capital Grant for The Transitional Living Community at The Center for Discovery

ALBANY, NY — The FY27 State budget includes a \$10 Million Capital Funding Grant for The Center for Discovery to construct their Transitional Living Community. This transformative project will directly address one of New York's most pressing healthcare challenges: ensuring access to high-quality, advanced medical care for aging adults with complex disabilities and medical fragility and will be located right in the heart of Assembly District 100.

The goal of the Transitional Living Community is to provide small, highly supportive medical care neighborhoods for forty aging adults to reduce the frequency and duration of acute hospitalizations, prevent unnecessary discharges to traditional nursing facilities and promote stability, dignity, and quality of life for residents, while giving families peace of mind. This investment will also yield savings for the State by avoiding prolonged hospitalizations and inappropriate nursing home placements, reduce pressure on hospitals ensuring safer transitions for medically complex patients out of acute care, advance care coordination across the health care continuum, strengthen workforce expertise in complex care, and create 200 new jobs in Sullivan County.

Assembly Member Kay said, "The Center for Discovery continues to be an invaluable asset to Sullivan County and New York as a whole. Their work pushes the limits and redefines areas of care for individuals with developmental disabilities and this new project is a testament to their consistency and their compassion. This facility will save many lives and will serve as a shining example for health care agencies all around the state to follow. I want to thank The Center for Discovery President and CEO, Dr. Terry Hamlin, and the team at The Center for Discovery for their vision and determination getting this done, and as always, their continued commitment to The IDD community and their home of Sullivan County."

President and CEO of The Center for Discovery, Dr. Theresa Hamlin, said, "This investment represents hope and peace of mind for families who have too often struggled to find the right level of care for aging loved ones with complex disabilities. As this population lives longer, a critical

gap remains in the healthcare system for individuals whose needs are too medically complex for traditional facilities. We are deeply grateful to Governor Hochul, Assemblymember Kay, and our agency partners for supporting a more proactive and coordinated model of care focused on improving quality of life, reducing unnecessary hospitalizations, and helping individuals live with greater stability and dignity across their lifespan. Through this demonstration project, New York continues to lead the way in healthcare innovation and the advancement of complex care, while the people of Sullivan County benefit from the commitment of Assemblymember Kay and The Center for Discovery to improving lives across the region.”