

for evaluation and ask the flight crew for their first aid kit. While you likely won't be impressed by their kit, it should at least provide you with gloves to maintain standard precautions. Typical medications kept on board include antihistamines, aspirin, atropine, a bronchodilator, dextrose, saline, epinephrine (which as of August 27, 2024 is now an autoinjector rather than a vial and syringe), lidocaine, nitroglycerin, and non-narcotic analgesics. Also, ask for a pen and paper to document your assessments, any medications given, and interventions. You may need to provide that as a hand-off once you land if the person

is seeking additional treatment with the ground crew. If you are concerned about responding due to liability reasons, note that the US Aviation Medical Assistance Act of 1998 serves as a Good Samaritan Law. Overall, the NSO Summit was a great learning opportunity and I appreciated their invitation and generosity covering all costs for my attendance. ■

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From the Desk of the Executive Director

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We are looking forward to a busy Spring! Make sure to watch our weekly bulletins, website, app, and social media sites for the announcements of calls for:

- Nominations for Vice President, Secretary, Director-at-Large, Nominations and Elections Committee members,

and ANA Membership Assembly Representatives

- Nightingale Tribute remembrances
- National Nurses Month activities
- American Nurses Advocacy Institute participants

Please make sure that your dual ANA and ANA-NY membership is associated with your CURRENT email so you don't miss a thing! ■

Legislative Update

Amy Kellogg and Caiti Anderson

New York's 2025 legislative session began on January 8, 2025 when both houses convened for their first day of session. Normally, this day would also be marked with the Governor's State of the State address, but Governor Kathy Hochul gave that address one week later, where she outlined her legislative priorities for the upcoming session.

On January 21, the Governor unveiled her proposed 2025-2026 Fiscal Year budget. The Governor proposed a \$252 billion state budget, which is a \$10 billion (3.6%)

increase over the prior year's budget. The proposed spending plan does not include any income tax increases and includes several initiatives to get money back into the pockets of New Yorkers, including the already announced inflation refund plan, free school meals for all students, and an enhanced child tax credit, as well as a middle-class tax cut and free community college. This increased spending will be covered by an 8% increase in revenue that the State has seen. This proposed budget will also protect the \$21.1 billion in the



rainy-day fund to help New York prepare for future budget challenges.

The proposed budget includes a number of provisions that would impact New York's nurses. One of the proposals included is the Nurse Licensure Compact (NLC). The NLC proposal allows nurses from other Compact-Member states to practice nursing in New York. We support the NLC and are currently working with others on educating the Legislature on the importance of the NLC and seeking to