

Healthcare April 2018

4/5/18-STATE AND LOCAL OFFICIALS ARE ENCOURAGING DRIVERS TO SIGN UP FOR ORGAN DONATIONS. APRIL IS NATIONAL DONATE LIFE MONTH AND THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES IS TAKING PART IN EFFORTS TO RAISE AWARENESS OF ORGAN AND TISSUE DONATION. NEW YORK HAS THE NATIONS THIRD LONGEST WAITING LIST FOR ORGANS. IT ALSO HAS THE SECOND LOWEST RATE OF DONATION. IF YOU'RE NOT ALREADY A DONOR YOU CAN OPT IN TO THE PROGRAM THROUGH THE D-M-V'S WEBSITE OR DURING WHEN RENEWING YOUR LICENSE IN PERSON

4/13/18-UTICA'S DOWNTOWN HOSPITAL PROJECT IS ONE STEP CLOSER TO MOVING FORWARD. YESTERDAY THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH CONDITIONALLY APPROVED MOHAWK VALLEY HEALTH SERVICES CERTIFICATE OF NEED FOR THE PROJECT, OFFICIALLY AUTHORIZING THEM TO MOVE FORWARD. THAT WILL REQUIRE COMPLETING THE STATE'S ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY REVIEW AND OBTAINING OWNERSHIP OF THE LAND AT THE SITE. THAT WILL LIKELY MEAN USING EMINENT DOMAIN TO SEIZE PROPERTIES FROM OWNERS THAT REFUSE TO SELL.

4/25/18-THE AREA'S HOSPITALS AREN'T GETTING GOOD GRADES. A NEW REPORT FROM THE LEAPFROG GROUP GAVE C'S TO SAINT LUKES, SAINT ELIZABETH'S, ROME MEMORIAL, AND BASSET MEDICAL CENTER IN COOPERSTOWN. THE ONLY FACILITY TO GET AN A RATING WAS THE ONEIDA HEALTHCARE CENTER. HOSPITALS ACROSS NEW YORK DIDN'T FARE WELL IN THE STUDY, RANKING AMONG THE WORST IN THE NATION. THE GRADES ARE BASED ON EVALUATIONS OF MEDICAL ERRORS, PREVENTABLE INFECTIONS, AND STANDARDS OF CARE AMONG OTHER FACTORS.