



# Patient Safety Coalition

COALITION FOR PATIENT RIGHTS AND SAFE STAFFING IN NEW JERSEY



## KEEP HOSPITALS SAFE

Nurses, health professionals and patients are calling on Governor Christie to fully fund hospital inspections and to demand patient safety and worker rights' be enforced by the State of New Jersey.

### Trenton Must Act Now

NJ's Department of Health needs adequate funding and staff to properly and routinely inspect our State's healthcare facilities. Just as car inspections keep our roads safe, why would Governor Christie settle for unsafe hospitals by ending state hospital inspections in NJ? Without regular State inspections patient safety is jeopardized and patients deserve to know the quality of care provided in NJ hospitals.



## 2 WAYS TRENTON CAN HELP

### Keep Hospitals Safe in New Jersey:

#### #1: Fully-Fund the Department of Health



Adequate funding for the NJ Department of Health is essential to ensure safe staffing and routine inspections. Studies demonstrate the positive relationships between hospital inspections and safe staffing with successful healthcare and treatment. Regular public monitoring of NJ hospitals is necessary to improve patient safety, reduce errors, comply with standards and regulations, address previous violations, enforce safe staffing levels and increase overall patients' satisfaction. NJ legislators must vote in favor of a 2017-2018 NJ budget that includes increased funding for the NJ Department of Health to fully staff the Department and resume regular inspections of our state's healthcare facilities.

#### #2: Improve Patient Safety, Protect Our Rights



Healthcare professionals and patients in the Coalition for Patient Rights and Safe Staffing (CPRSS) are advocating for patient safety and healthcare workers' rights in Trenton. Our coalition has achieved improvements in regulations to improve health and safety standards and keep NJ hospitals safe. At a time when our state is faced with threats from Congress attempting to dismantle our nation's healthcare programs, we need NJ legislators to do more to strengthen our hospitals and support patient and worker's rights.



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