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FMCS Statement on Tentative Agreement Between the New York State Nurses Association (NYSNA) And the New York City Alliance of Hospitals

**WASHINGTON, D.C.** —Allison Beck, Acting Director of the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service (FMCS), today announced that with the assistance of Federal mediators, a tentative settlement has been reached between the New York State Nurses Association (NYSNA) and the New York City Hospital Alliance, representing major medical facilities in the city of New York.

Bargaining under the auspices of FMCS mediators, including FMCS Acting Director Allison Beck, Deputy Director Scot Beckenbaugh, and Commissioner Cynthia Jeffries, the nurses' union and hospital group reached a tentative agreement after many hours of intense talks early today.

Ms. Beck commended the work of FMCS Deputy Director Beckenbaugh and Commissioner Jeffries for their roles in helping the nurses' union and hospital group overcome major differences at the bargaining table. "We are gratified that our team of mediators was able to provide assistance in these challenging and complex negotiations," Ms. Beck said. "Ultimately, it was perseverance and hard work by the nurses and hospital management that enabled them to reach agreement."

The tentative agreement is subject to ratification. As is Agency practice, the FMCS will not comment on the substance or content of the agreement or negotiation.

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The Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service, created in 1947, is an independent U.S. government agency whose mission is to preserve and promote labor-management peace and cooperation. Headquartered in Washington, DC, with 10 district offices and more than 60 field offices, the agency provides mediation and conflict resolution services to industry, government agencies and communities.