



GOVERNOR JOSH SHAPIRO

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MEDIA ADVISORY: TOMORROW IN WAYNE COUNTY – Governor Shapiro, Health Secretary Bogen to Visit Wayne Memorial Hospital, Highlight Pennsylvania's Work to Address Nursing Shortage

Honesdale, PA – Tomorrow, **Governor Josh Shapiro** and **Department of Health Secretary Dr. Debra Bogen** will visit Wayne Memorial Hospital to highlight a \$5 million investment to launch the Nurse Shortage Assistance Program (NSAP) in Pennsylvania to help ensure urban and rural hospitals alike have access to trained nursing professionals.

In the 2025-26 budget, **Governor Shapiro** created the Nurse Shortage Assistance Program, which provides matching state funds to help Pennsylvania hospitals attract, recruit, and retain nursing staff through targeted student loan repayment assistance.

WHO:

Governor Josh Shapiro

Secretary Debra Bogen, PA Department of Health

James Pettinato, CEO, Wayne Memorial Health System

Chandra Roberts, Director, Nursing & Patient Care Service

WHEN:

Tuesday, October 13, 2026 at 2:30 PM

WHERE:

Wayne Memorial Hospital

601 Park Street,

Honesdale, PA 18431

LIVE STREAM:

pacast.com/live/gov
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RSVP:

Press who are interested in attending must RSVP with the names and phone numbers of each member of their team to ra-gvgovpress@pa.gov.