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## **HARI Reacts to Governor's Proposed Budget**

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*The FY19 proposed state budget released by Gov. Gina Raimondo on January 18, 2018 includes elimination of inpatient upper payment limit payments (federal funds used to ensure Medicaid reimburses hospitals at an amount equal to Medicare) and a Medicaid payment rate freeze. The Hospital Association of Rhode Island continues to analyze the impact of these proposals.*

“The Hospital Association of Rhode Island applauds Governor Gina Raimondo’s commitment to addressing the impact of the national opioid epidemic on Rhode Island,” said Teresa Paiva Weed, president, Hospital Association of Rhode Island. “Although hospitals will face reductions in the proposed budget, we look forward to working with the General Assembly and Administration to implement lasting solutions that provide us with the resources and tools necessary to transform the healthcare delivery system. Hospitals will continue to invest in workforce development, innovation, and technology with the continued support of our State partners.”

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*Founded over a half century ago, the Hospital Association of Rhode Island (HARI) is a statewide trade organization that assists member hospitals in effectively meeting the healthcare needs of Rhode Island, through advocacy, representation, education and services. HARI members work collaboratively to improve the quality of care delivered and address issues threatening access to healthcare. HARI members work together to ensure that all Rhode Islanders will receive comprehensive, high-quality healthcare.*