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An estimated **200** hospital personnel from around the state including doctors, nurses, volunteers, and others representing the more than 39,000 employees of West Virginia's hospitals will be attending ***Hospital Day at the Legislature, Thursday, February 22, 2007.***

The event is sponsored by the West Virginia Hospital Association and will serve as an opportunity for hospitals from around the state to present a unified voice to state legislators on issues affecting the hospital field.

The day's events include a *Hospital Day* Proclamation delivered by **Governor Joe Manchin, III**, other key elected officials, and Joseph Letnaunchyn, President of the West Virginia Hospital Association. Participants will attend Senate and House floor sessions, committee meetings, and will also have the opportunity to speak with their local legislators.

The WVHA is a not-for-profit statewide organization representing 73 acute and specialty hospitals and health systems across the continuum of care. The WVHA supports its members in achieving a strong, healthy West Virginia by providing leadership in healthcare advocacy, education, information and technical assistance, and by being a catalyst for effective change through collaboration, consensus building and a focus on desired outcomes.

WHAT: Hospital Day at the Legislature

**WHEN: Thursday, February 22, 2007
10:15 a.m.**

WHERE: West Virginia State Capitol Complex, Lower Rotunda

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