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IN OTHER NEWS:

— **The Iroquois Healthcare Association** is looking to strengthen New York’s rural health care workforce through an expansion of its Early College High School Health Sciences program, with funding from the Mother Cabrini Health Foundation.

The program creates a pathway for students in high school to enter high-demand health care positions in partnership with school districts, colleges and hospitals. The association has expanded the program to operate three pilot programs, two of which will be located in Franklin and Tompkins Counties. A third site has yet to be announced.

The program helps students earn a college degree, gain clinical experience and connect with prospective employers.

"Rural hospitals can't compete with urban centers on salary alone, but we can offer something equally powerful: the chance to build a career close to home," Kevin M. Kerwin, president and CEO of Iroquois Healthcare Association, said in a statement. "By partnering across counties and sectors, we're creating pathways that didn't exist before—showing students that meaningful healthcare careers are possible right here."