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LICH Layoffs

Neither the state Department of Health nor SUNY will reveal the specifics of a plan to close Long Island College Hospital. Yesterday, spokesmen for SUNY and DOH said that document will be kept under wraps until DOH confirms a closure plan. But a WARN notice filed March 25 with the state Department of Labor specifies that June 18 is the closing date. Between that date and July 1, according to the labor notice, 1,714 LICH employees will be laid off. A SUNY spokesman added that while the university is hoping for financial help from Albany, the bailout would go toward making Downstate Medical Center solvent, not keeping LICH open.