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VA NAMES INTERIM DIRECTOR

James P. Cody, has been named interim medical center director at VA Western New York Healthcare System and will be arriving in Buffalo on August 11. VA Western New York Healthcare System includes medical centers in Buffalo, Batavia and seven community based out patient clinics located in Niagara Falls, Lockport, Dunkirk, Jamestown, Lackawanna, Olean, and Warsaw. Mr. Cody has been the medical center director at the Syracuse VA Medical Center since January 2000, transferring from the VAMC Providence, RI, where he had been acting medical center director and associate director for 4.5 years. At VA WNYHS, he will oversee over 1,600 employees serving 40,000 veterans during the period until a new director is appointed. He succeeds Michael S. Finegan who recently was promoted to network director, in Ann Arbor, Michigan. "I am privileged to have the opportunity to work with employees at VA WNYHS who are committed to serving veterans with high quality, compassionate care," Cody said. Mr. Cody earned a Masters in Public Administration (MPA) with a concentration in Health Policy, Planning and Administration from New York University in January 1981. He previously earned his Bachelor of Science (BSE) in Health Education from the State University of New York College at Cortland in May 1976.

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