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CODEY STATEMENT ON UMDNJ'S AGREEMENT WITH U.S. ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

(TRENTON) - Acting Governor Richard J. Codey issued the following statement regarding the deferred prosecution agreement reached today between U.S. Attorney Christopher Christie and the Board of Trustees of the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey (UMDNJ):

"As the nation's largest health-sciences university, UMDNJ is vital to our state. It provides critical care to roughly two million people each year, many of who have nowhere else to turn. It's also a critical hub for research and medical education. And for these reasons, it's critical that we protect the university and its future.

"My staff and I have worked closely with U.S. Attorney Chris Christie and we fully support the agreement that has been approved today. First and foremost, it will prevent UMDNJ from facing indictment. And ultimately, it will help the university get back to focusing on its real mission - providing vital health care and educating our future doctors and nurses."

"Today we're putting an end to this chapter and a beginning to real reform. We need to do this for the university's sake, for the state's sake and for the taxpayers' sake. I'm looking forward to opening the papers again and seeing UMDNJ's name back where it belongs...next to a health care award, a research breakthrough or an outstanding scholar."

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