

**52963**

TO: Board of Acquisition and Contract

FROM: Sherlita Amler, MD  
Commissioner of Health

DATE: October 13, 2016

RE: Authorization to Amend a Resolution approved on March 5, 2015, as amended, which authorized the County of Westchester to enter into Agreements with approved Related Services Providers, Pursuant to Section 4410, Part 200 of the New York State Education Law, in order to add three additional approved Related Services Providers: Kristen H. Bellom, Play And Grow Physical Therapy and Speech Language Pathology PLLC and Sprout Therapy Group - Physical Therapy, Occupational Therapy, Speech and Language Pathology, LLC, effective 12/01/16

On March 5, 2015, your Honorable Board approved a Resolution (the “March 5, 2015 Resolution”), which authorized the County to enter into Agreements (the “Agreements”) with approved Related Services Providers pursuant to Section 4410, Part 200 of the New York State Education Law, for the period July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2020, in the total aggregate amount not to exceed \$79,619,892 subject to annual County appropriations, with each provider to be reimbursed at rates established and approved by the New York State Education Department (“NYSED”).

On May 21, 2015, the March 5, 2015 Resolution was amended to add two approved Related Services Providers, Colleen Pecylak and Complete Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy and Speech Language Pathology Services, PLLC, subject to the same terms and conditions of the March 5, 2015 Resolution.

On August 12, 2015, the March 5, 2015 Resolution was amended to add additional approved Related Services Providers: Patricia Spargo, effective 07/01/15; Ivy Tilson Inc., ACDS Inc. and Alternative Care Systems, Inc., d/b/a Access Nursing Services, effective 09/01/15, subject to the same terms and conditions of the March 5, 2015 Resolution.

On May 26, 2016, the March 5, 2015 Resolution was amended to add one additional approved Related Services Provider, Kings Education Services, O.T., R.P.N., P.T., S.L.P., PLLC, effective 07/01/16, subject to the same terms and conditions of the March 5, 2015 Resolution.

On July 14, 2016, the March 5, 2015 Resolution was amended to add two additional approved Related Services Providers: Anne M. Dunne and Rye Therapies of OT, PT & SLP, PLLC, effective 09/01/16, subject to the same terms and conditions of the March 5, 2015 Resolution.

On August 25, 2016, the March 5, 2015 Resolution was amended to add one additional approved Related Services Provider: Westchester OT/ PT, PLLC, effective 10/01/16, subject to the same terms and conditions of the March 5, 2015 Resolution.

Accordingly, authorization is hereby respectfully requested that the March 5, 2015 Resolution be further amended by adding three additional approved Related Services Providers: Kristen H. Bellom, Play And Grow Physical Therapy and Speech Language Pathology PLLC and Sprout Therapy Group - Physical Therapy, Occupational Therapy, Speech and Language Pathology, LLC, effective 12/01/16 to the list, in order to enter into agreements with these providers subject to the same terms and conditions of the March 5, 2015 Resolution as amended.

These providers will serve a continued unfilled need for speech, occupational and physical therapy services for preschool children with special needs in the towns/areas and their associated school districts of Westchester County that currently lack adequate provider capacity to meet the mandated Individualized Education Plan requirements.

These agreements will promote the public health, safety and welfare of Westchester County's children with special needs by enabling their daily participation in special needs programs and other community settings that typically developing children attend. On an annual basis, approximately 4,000 children are served by the Related Services programs.

The goals and objectives of these programs are to:

- Provide appropriate services to children from three to five years of age with developmental disabilities and/or delays in accordance with their approved Individualized Education Plan (IEP)
- Provide these services in the student's least restrictive setting.

Providers will be monitored, as per their contract requirements and the Health Department's performance measurement indicators, for the provision of services through program site visits and review of their clinical session and progress reports, and accuracy of billing by monthly reviews of submitted documentation.

Except as otherwise stated herein, all other terms and conditions of the March 5, 2015 Resolution as amended shall remain the same.

An appropriate resolution has been attached herewith for your Board's consideration and approval.

SA/MY/dc  
Attachments

## RESOLUTION

Upon a communication from the Commissioner of Health, be it hereby

**RESOLVED**, that the Resolution approved by this Honorable Board on March 5, 2015 (the “March 5, 2015 Resolution”), as amended, which authorized the County of Westchester to enter into agreements with approved Related Services providers, pursuant to Section 4410, Part 200 of the New York State Education Law, is further amended in order to add three additional approved Related Services Providers: Kristen H. Bellom, Play And Grow Physical Therapy and Speech Language Pathology PLLC and Sprout Therapy Group - Physical Therapy, Occupational Therapy, Speech and Language Pathology, LLC, effective 12/01/16 to the list, subject to the same terms and conditions as stated in the March 5, 2015 Resolution, as amended; and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, that except as otherwise stated herein, all other terms and conditions of the March 5, 2015 Resolution, as amended, shall remain the same; and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the County Executive or his duly authorized designee be and hereby is authorized and empowered to execute and deliver all instruments and to take all actions necessary or appropriate to accomplish the purpose of this resolutions.

Original Agreement	\$	
First Amendment	\$	
<b>This Amendment</b>	<b>\$</b>	
TOTAL	\$	

Agreement # \_\_\_\_\_

Account to be Charged/Credited	Fund	Dept	Major Program, Program & Phase or Unit	Object/ Sub-Object	Trust Account	Dollars
N/A						

Budget Funding Year(s) (must match resolution) \_\_\_\_\_ Start Date \_\_\_\_\_ End Date \_\_\_\_\_

Funding Source	Tax Dollars	
	State Aid	
<b>N/A</b>	Federal Aid	
(must match resolution)	Other	