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DATE: December 28, 2010

TO: Board of Acquisition and Contract

FROM: Cheryl Archbald, MD MPH
Acting Commissioner of Health

RE: Authorization for the County of Westchester to amend an Agreement with one Early Intervention and Related Services Provider, Speech & Communication Professionals, pursuant to Article 25, Title II-A of the New York State Public Health Law and Part 200 of the New York State Education Law, by changing the provider's name to Speech & Communication Professional, SLP, Audiology, Psychology, LMSW, PT & OT PLLC

On April 1, 2010, your Board approved a resolution (the "April 1st Resolution") as amended, authorizing the County to enter into Agreements (the "Agreements") with approved and licensed Early Intervention and Related Services Providers, for the period July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2015, with each provider to be reimbursed at rates established and approved by the New York State Department of Health and New York State Education Department ("NYSED") respectively.

On June 17, 2010, the April 1st Resolution was amended to add another approved and licensed provider, Speech and Communication Professionals, subject to the same terms and conditions of the April 1st Resolution. The original agreement with Speech and Communication Professionals was for a five year term commencing July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2015; this contract has been executed.

The County has since been informed and received approval from both the New York State Education Department and the New York State Department of Health that Speech and Communication Professionals will now operate under the following new name:

Speech & Communication Professional, SLP, Audiology, Psychology, LMSW, PT & OT PLLC

Therefore, authority is respectfully requested to amend the contract to reflect the name change effective January 1, 2011.

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 10,000 children are served by the Early Intervention and Related Services programs.

The goals and objectives of these programs are to:

- Provide appropriate services to children birth to five with developmental disabilities and/or delays in accordance with their approved Individualized Family Service Plan (IFSP) or Individualized Education Plan (IEP)
- Provide these services in the child's natural environment and 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. If this resolution is not approved, children enrolled in these programs will not receive services, their developmental and educational needs will substantially regress and the municipality will be out of compliance with the respective state regulations.

Except as set forth herein, all other terms and conditions of the original agreement shall remain the same. An appropriate resolution has been attached herewith for your Board's consideration.

Attachment

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RESOLUTION

UPON A COMMUNICATION FROM THE ACTING COMMISSIONER OF HEALTH, be it hereby

RESOLVED, that the County of Westchester is authorized to amend an agreement with one Early Intervention and Related Services Provider, Speech and Communication Professionals, for the period July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2015, for the provision of services to children with disabilities mandated pursuant to Article 25, Title II-A of the New York State Public Health Law and Part 200 of the New York State Education Law, by changing the provider's name to Speech & Communication Professional, SLP, Audiology, Psychology, LMSW, PT & OT PLLC effective January 1, 2011;

and, be it further

RESOLVED, that all other terms and conditions of the original agreement 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 resolution.

Department of Health
 County of Westchester
 145 Huguenot Street, 8th Floor
 New Rochelle, New York 10801
 December 28, 2010

Original Agreement \$
 First Amendment \$
 This Amendment \$ _____
 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) _____ Start Date _____ End Date _____
 (must match resolution)

Funding Source Tax Dollars _____
 State Aid _____

_____ Federal Aid _____
 (must match resolution) Other _____

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