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**DATE:** May 8, 2020

**TO:** Board of Acquisition and Contract

**FROM:** Sherlita Amler, M.D.  
Commissioner of Health

**RE:** Authorization to enter into a contract amendment with the New York State Department of Health to accept additional funding for the Early Intervention Grant Program for each of the budget periods from 10/01/19 through 09/30/20 and from 10/01/20 through 09/30/21, pursuant to an approved budget, as follows:

**Original Contract**

Multi-Year Term: 10/01/16 - 09/30/21  
Total Amount Not-To-Exceed: \$2,015,255

**Amended Contract**

Multi-Year Term: unchanged  
Total Amount Not-To-Exceed: \$2,172,591

On December 8, 2016, your Honorable Board approved a Resolution (the "December 8, 2016 Resolution") which authorized the County of Westchester (the "County"), acting by and through its Department of Health ("WCDH"), to enter into an agreement with the New York State Department of Health ("NYSDOH") to accept continued funding for the Early Intervention ("EI") grant program, for the agreement term from 10/01/16 through 09/30/21, pursuant to an approved budget, in the total amount not-to-exceed \$2,015,255. This agreement has been executed.

Recently the NYSDOH notified the WCDH that additional funding in the amount not-to-exceed \$67,430 will be added to the budget period from 10/01/19 through 09/30/20, and additional funding in the amount not-to-exceed \$89,906 will be added to the budget period from 10/01/20 through 09/30/21, for a combined total amount not-to-exceed \$157,336.

This additional funding is in response to the recent Public Health Law amendment and subsequent regulatory change to 10 NYCRR subpart 67-1, which updated the definition of "elevated blood lead levels".

This additional funding will be used to support the Early Intervention Program in their charge to identify and locate eligible children within the county by increasing and enhancing the established referral process. Additionally, the EI program will coordinate with the WCDH Lead Program, primary referral source, families and health care professionals to identify and screen children at risk for developmental delays due to "elevated blood levels" / suspected developmental delays, provide Developmental Monitoring and Surveillance and ensure access to evaluations and services in accordance with Federal and State laws and regulations governing the Early intervention Program.

This program will promote the public health and general welfare of County residents by providing resources, information and referrals necessary to support the administration and operation of the EI program which delivers services for children ages birth through 2 years with physical and/or medical conditions, as mandated under Article 25, Title II-A of the New York State Public Health Law.

The overall public purpose of the EI program is to promote and ensure that service providers have policies and procedures in place to complete evaluations, determine eligibility and report eligibility findings in accordance with State and Federal regulatory requirements. The program's objectives are to approve the delivery of all mandated developmental and educational services to eligible children while ensuring parental rights are met through due process.

In order to assess compliance for timely authorization and delivery of services, the program is tracked and monitored by quality assurance activities, which include provider monitoring and fiscal audits. These activities also ensure that Medicaid and third party billing requirements are met by providers for reimbursement. Approximately 5,400 children/infants are served annually.

I certify that my department, a.) has copies of, or access to, all applicable laws, rules, regulations, grant applications, and grant agreements (including any master grant agreement), as well as any guidance or instructions received from the agency making the grant (the "Grant Terms"), b.) has reviewed the Grant Terms, c.) is aware of and understands all of the Grant Terms, and d.) can and will comply with all of the Grant Terms.

Except as otherwise expressly amended herein, all other terms and conditions of the original agreement shall remain unchanged.

Approval of the attached Resolution is respectfully requested.

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Attachment

## RESOLUTION

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

**RESOLVED,** that the County of Westchester, acting by and through its Department of Health, is hereby authorized to enter into a contract amendment with the New York State Department of Health to accept additional funding for the Early Intervention Grant Program, for each of the budget periods from 10/01/19 through 09/30/20 and from 10/01/20 through 09/30/21, pursuant to an approved budget, as follows:

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and, be it further

**RESOLVED,** that except as otherwise expressly amended herein, all other terms and conditions of the original agreement shall remain unchanged; and, be it further

**RESOLVED,** that the County Executive or his duly authorized designee be and hereby is authorized and empowered to execute all appropriate contracts or documents necessary to effectuate the purposes of this resolution in the manner prescribed by law.

County of Westchester  
 10 County Center Road – 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
 White Plains, New York 10607

Original Agreement	\$2,015,255
First Amendment	\$
This Amendment	<u>\$157,336</u>
 TOTAL	 \$2,172,591

Agreement # C31672GG

Account to be Charged/Credited			Major Program, Program & Phase or Unit	Object/ Sub-Object	Trust Account	Dollars
	Fund	Dept				
	263	27	549U	9853	T549	\$41,645
	263	27	549U	9854	T549	\$25,785
	263	27	549V	9853	T549	\$55,526
	263	27	549V	9854	T549	\$34,380
Budget Funding Year(s) (must match resolution)						
	<u>2019-2021</u>		Start Date	<u>10/01/19</u>	End Date	<u>09/30/21</u>
Funding Source (must match resolution)		Tax Dollars				
		State Aid	<u>NYSDOH</u>			
		Federal Aid	<u>Federal Funding pass thru NYS</u>			
		Other				