

RESOLUTION NO. 295 OF 2012

Resolution introduced by Supervisors Sokol, Thomas, Frasier, Taylor and McDevitt

AUTHORIZING THE WARREN COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO SEND A LETTER TO THE NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH REGARDING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF NEW CERTIFIED HOME HEALTH AGENCIES (CHHA'S) IN WARREN COUNTY

WHEREAS, the New York State Public Health and Planning Council has issued regulations under 10 NYCRR Section 760.5 concerning applications to establish new Certified Home Health Agencies ("CHHA's) or the expansion of the approved geographic service areas and/or approved population of existing CHHA's, and

WHEREAS, New York State Public Health and Planning Council has stated that the legislative objectives of the new regulations is to further the Medicaid Redesign initiatives and to increase the number of CHHA's in those areas where patient choice is limited, and

WHEREAS, Warren County is concerned that by virtue of the new regulations, CHHA's other than the Warren County CHHA may purposefully or inadvertently attempt to "cherry pick" cases in areas of Warren County with higher population density which could compromise care to individuals in more remote areas of Warren County and place the Warren County CHHA in a more precarious financial situation, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Warren County Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes the Warren County Administrator to send a letter to the New York State Department of Health requesting oversight and monitoring of new CHHA's in Warren County to ensure fair business practices and to insure that all geographic areas of Warren County and all residents residing therein are served equally and fairly.