

RESOLUTION NO. 170 OF 2013

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

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EARLY INTERVENTION PROVIDER AGREEMENT BETWEEN WARREN COUNTY AND NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, BUREAU OF EARLY INTERVENTION AND AUTHORIZING ESCROW AGREEMENT BETWEEN WARREN COUNTY AND NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of §2550 of the New York State Public Health Law, the Department of Health ("Department") is the lead agency responsible for the administration of the Early Intervention program ("EIP") in New York State and Warren County is responsible for local administration of the EIP, which responsibilities include, but are not necessarily limited to, accepting referrals of children potentially eligible for EIP services, assigning initial service coordinators, participating in family services plan meetings and ensuring that early intervention services are delivered, and

WHEREAS, recent amendments to the New York State Public Health Law enacted for the State's fiscal year 2012-13 budget provide that a County is no longer deemed a provider for purposes of billing third-party payors for EIP and the County must now seek payment in the first instance from third-party payors (commercial insurance and Medicaid Program) to the extent that a child has private insurance regulated by New York State or is enrolled in the Medicaid Program, and Counties will first submit bills for early intervention services rendered to the Department's state fiscal agent through the New York Early Intervention System and Kids Integrated Data System for payments and payments will be made by insurers in the Medicaid Program directly to the EIP providers, and

WHEREAS, the recent amendments to the New York State Public Health Law also authorize the Department to contract with a fiscal agent acting for the Department and municipalities with respect to fiscal management and payment of early intervention claims, and

WHEREAS, the New York State Department of Health, Bureau of Early Intervention has provided

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a proposed Early Intervention Provider Agreement and a proposed Early Intervention Program Escrow Agreement to the County which agreements fulfill the requirements of the amendments to the New York State Public Health Law, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Warren County Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes the Chairman of the Board of the Supervisors on behalf of Warren County to enter into an Early Intervention Provider Agreement with the New York State Department of Health, Bureau of Early Intervention, in a form approved by the County Attorney and further authorizes the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors on behalf of Warren County to enter into an Early Intervention Program Escrow Agreement with the New York State Department of Health, in a form approved by the County Attorney.