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Honorable Joanne Cunningham, Chairwoman
Albany County Legislature
112 State St., Rm. 710
Albany, NY 12207

Dear Chairwoman Cunningham,

The Department of Mental Health respectfully requests permission for a Budget Amendment to ensure sufficient funds are available in our Psychiatric Care account. We propose transferring \$220,000 from the Inpatient Hospitalization account to the Psychiatric Care account.

Based on current projections, the Psychiatric Care account will be depleted by November. This transfer will ensure adequate funding is available for the remainder of 2025.

Please feel free to contact Michael Fitzgerald or me with any questions regarding this request.

Sincerely,

Stephen Giordano, Ph.D.
Director of Mental Health

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