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Honorable Andrew Joyce, Chairman  
Albany County Legislature  
112 State Street, Room 710  
Albany, New York 12207

Dear Chairman Joyce:

Enclosed is a Request for Legislative Action (RLA) for the May meeting of the Legislature. The Albany County Department of Health (ACDOH) requests to renew its contract for the Expanded Partner Services program. The purpose of this initiative is to improve the provision of HIV prevention and care services within Albany County and to better serve people living with HIV and AIDS. ACDOH is given this funding every year and does not have to apply for it. The County will facilitate the re-engagement in medical care of persons thought to be out-of-care living with HIV/AIDS, notify, test partners and refer all HIV positive and high-risk negative patients they encounter to appropriate prevention, care and support services. Case assignments will come from the New York Electronic HIV Management System (NYEHMS)/Communicable Disease Electronic Surveillance System (CDESS). Funding was anticipated and budgeted in the 2020 budget.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or need additional information.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth F. Whalen, MD, MPH  
Commissioner of Health

cc: Hon. Dennis Feeney, Majority Leader  
Hon. Frank A. Mauriello, Minority Leader  
Kevin Cannizzaro, Majority Counsel  
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Enclosures



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