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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. Albany County Department of Health (ACDOH) has been notified of a continuation of the HIV Surveillance grant. This grant supports the goals of:

- Completely and accurately reporting all suspected and confirmed HIV/AIDS cases within the County
- Instructing diagnosing providers on the responsibility to report newly diagnosed HIV, HIV illness, and AIDS cases and requests for partner notification
- Maintaining confidentiality of all reports of suspect and confirmed HIV/AIDS cases
- Ensuring uniform and standardized HIV/AIDS surveillance procedures throughout NYS.

ACDOH will receive \$200 per report, up to \$80,000 per year. ACDOH has budget \$60,000 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
Minority Counsel

Enclosures



Albany County Department of Health is nationally accredited and meets rigorous public health standards set forth to best meet the needs of our community.