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Honorable Joanne Cunningham  
Chairwoman  
Albany County Legislature  
112 State Street  
Room 710  
Albany, NY 12207

Dear Chairwoman Cunningham,

The Department of Mental Health requests permission to award \$174,208 in Opioid Settlement Funding to Lincoln Pharmacy for the purpose of providing Medication Assistance Treatment (MAT) injections in the pharmacy. This project was selected for funding through a competitive grant application process and will be implemented over the next three years. A recent change to state law allows pharmacies to provide MAT injections, but for now only medical offices are allowed to bill for this service. This funding will allow pharmacists to spend time with individuals receiving MAT injections and will reduce stigma, as the medications will be provided the same way that vaccines and other injections are conducted.

Feel free to contact me or Adam Kirkman if you have any questions concerning this request.

Sincerely,

Stephen Giordano, Ph.D.  
Director

cc: Hon. Dennis A. Feeney, Majority Leader  
Hon. Frank A. Mauriello, Minority Leader  
Rebekah Kennedy, Majority Counsel  
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