Department for Children, Youth and Families

Request for Contractual Authorization
with the New York State Department of Health and 2023 Budget Amendment regarding
The Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs Program

 The Department for Children, Youth and Families is seeking legislative authorization to enter into a contractual agreement with the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH), to claim reimbursement from the State for administrative costs incurred by the Department, for the provision of services for Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs (CYSHCN).

 The Department has received notification from NYSDOH that Albany County has been awarded $136,804 for the period of October 1, 2022 September 30, 2023. This includes enhanced funding for the program which was not anticipated in the Department's 2023 Budget. Therefore we are requesting a budget amendment to include the additional funding of $13,690 to support the grant funded program expansion.

Local governments have responsibility for administering the CYSHCN program subject to regulations of the Commissioner of Health. Administrative funds are provided to all municipalities to offset cost incurred in the implementation of the program.

 The Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs Program seeks to improve the system of care for children with special health care needs from birth to 21 years of age and their families. Children served by the CYSHCN Program have an illness or condition for which they need extra health care and support services. A few examples of such conditions include cerebral palsy or muscular dystrophy, asthma, sickle cell anemia, diabetes, heart conditions, depression, conduct disorder, and attention deficit hyperactivity disorder.

 The program also supports help for families of CYSHCN by giving them information on health insurance and connecting them with health care providers. These programs will also work with families to help them meet the medical and non-medical needs of their children.