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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 November meeting of the Legislature. Albany County Department of Health (ACDOH) has been notified of additional funding to expand our current Community Health Worker Program. Our current Maternal and Infant Community Health Collaborative, works to improve maternal and infant health outcomes for Medicaid-eligible, low-income women, and their families, and reduce disparities in those outcomes. The project also helps to address key barriers that impact maternal health outcomes, including providing childbirth education and support, promoting collaborative childcare and social support networks, assisting with the development of a birth plan and supporting increased health literacy. The grant year will be from 10/1/2020 – 9/30/2021, the funding will be placed in the 2021 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
Rebekah Kennedy, Majority Counsel
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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.