

SUSPENSION

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A RESOLUTION TO BE SUBMITTED BY LEGISLATORS MARINELLI, LOUGHRAN & KOZUB

RE: Supporting NYS A.2285 for County Control of Medicaid

WHEREAS, Medicaid in New York State is governed by federal and state law and counties in New York State must contribute to this important health services program; and

WHEREAS, Medicaid costs have dramatically risen, so much so that county property tax revenues cover the local contribution; and

WHEREAS, the County Executive has called for local opt-in decision making for counties; and

WHEREAS, the Governor has convened a Medicaid Redesign Team to explore ways and offer recommendations by March 1 for Medicaid cost containment; and

WHEREAS, Assembly members of the Western New York delegation have sponsored A.2285, which would amend the Social Services Law, in relation to allowing local social services districts discretion to provide certain Medicaid services and cover certain categories of eligibility.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, the Erie County Legislature supports A.2285 and encourages passage by the New York State Legislature; and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be sent to the New York State Governor, Western New York delegation, the Governor's Redesign Team, County Executive, County Comptroller and County Social Services Commissioner.

FISCAL IMPACT: Positive for Erie County Taxpayers