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TO: Board of Acquisition and Contract

FROM: Sherlita Amler, MD
Commissioner of Health

DATE: July 28, 2025

RE: Authorization to Amend a Resolution approved on March 13, 2025, which authorized the County of Westchester to enter into Agreements with Approved Related Services Providers, Pursuant to Section 4410, Part 200 of the New York State Education Law, in order to add two new approved Related Services Providers to the list, Ascend Autism OT & SLP Services, PLLC, effective 09/01/2025, and Boston Children's Health Physicians, LLP, effective 10/01/2025.

By resolution approved on March 13, 2025 (the "March 13, 2025 Resolution"), your Honorable Board authorized the County of Westchester ("County") to enter into Agreements with approved Related Services Providers (the "Providers"), pursuant to Section 4410, Part 200 of the New York State Education Law, for the period from July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2030, in the total aggregate amount not to exceed of \$89,053,290, subject to annual County appropriations, with each Provider to be reimbursed at rates established by the County and accepted by the New York State Education Department to ensure that Providers are paid at the established rates and that the County is reimbursed for state aid.

Authorization of your Honorable Board is now respectfully requested to amend the March 13, 2025 Resolution by adding two new approved Related Services providers, Ascend Autism OT & SLP Services, PLLC, effective 09/01/2025, and Boston Children's Health Physicians, LLP, effective 10/01/2025, to the list of approved providers, in order to enter into agreements with these providers, subject to the same terms and conditions as set forth in the March 13, 2025 Resolution.

These Providers will serve a continued unfilled need for related services for preschool children with special needs in the towns/areas and their associated school districts of Westchester County that currently lack adequate provider capacity to meet the mandated Individualized Education Program requirements.

Agreements with these approved and licensed Providers, which include agencies and individuals, are exempt from the Westchester County Procurement Policy under Section 3(a) viii and 3 (a) ix.

These agreements will promote the public health, safety and welfare of Westchester County's children with special needs by enabling their daily participation in special needs programs and other community settings that typically developing children attend. On an annual basis, approximately 3,040 children are served by the Related Services programs. In 2024 approximately 3,614 children were served.

The goals and objectives of these programs are to:

- Provide appropriate services to children from three to five years of age with developmental disabilities and/or delays in accordance with their approved Individualized Education Plan (IEP).
- Provide these services in the student's least restrictive setting.

Providers will be monitored, as per their contract requirements and the Health Department's performance measurement indicators, for the provision of services through program site visits and review of their clinical session and progress reports, and accuracy of billing by monthly reviews of submitted documentation.

Except as otherwise stated herein, all other terms and conditions set forth in the March 13, 2025 Resolution shall remain the same.

An appropriate resolution is herewith attached herewith for your Board's consideration and approval.

SA/MY/dc
Attachments

APPROVED BOARD OF ACQUISITION & CONTRACT - 08/07/2025 - RAYMOND SCULKY, SECRETARY

RESOLUTION

Upon a communication from the Commissioner of Health, be it hereby

RESOLVED, that the Resolution approved on March 13, 2025 (the "March 13, 2025 Resolution"), which authorized the County of Westchester to enter into agreements with approved Related Services providers, pursuant to Section 4410, Part 200 of the New York State Education Law, is hereby amended in order to add two new approved Related Services providers, Ascend Autism OT & SLP Services, PLLC, effective 09/01/2025, and Boston Children's Health Physicians, LLP, effective 10/01/2025, to the list, subject to the same terms and conditions as set forth in the March 13, 2025 Resolution; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that except as otherwise provided herein, all other terms and conditions of the March 13, 2025 Resolution shall remain the same; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Executive or his duly authorized designee be and hereby is authorized and empowered to execute and deliver all instruments and to take all actions necessary or appropriate to accomplish the purpose of this resolutions.

Original Agreement \$
First Amendment \$
This Amendment \$ _____
TOTAL \$

Agreement #

Fund	Dept	Major Program, Program & Phase or Unit	Object/ Sub- Object	Trust Account	Dollars	
N/A						

Budget Funding Year(s)
(must match resolution) _____ Start Date _____ End Date _____

Funding Source	Tax Dollars	_____
	State Aid	_____
\$	Insurance	_____
(must match resolution)	Medicaid	_____