

**Authorizing The Chairman Of The Ulster County Legislature To Seek State/Federal Medicaid Waivers To Develop A Pilot Program To Reduce The Ulster County Medicaid Financial Burden**

Legislator Roberti and The Personnel / Human Services Committee (Chairman Aiello and Legislators Alfonso, Maloney, Noonan, Kraft, Loughran and Rodriguez) offer the following:

WHEREAS, the explosive growth in Medicaid expenditures in recent years has placed tremendous fiscal pressures on County property taxpayers throughout New York State, and

WHEREAS, the New York State Association of Counties (NYSAC) and individual counties are lobbying Governor Pataki and the New York State Legislature to reform the current Medicaid system to lessen the financial burden on County property taxpayers, and

WHEREAS, the Ulster County Legislature made recommendations on reforming the New York State Medicaid system per Resolution 339 of 2003, and

WHEREAS, Chemung County has requested from the State permission to develop a pilot program to deliver Federally required Medicaid benefits while more efficiently providing benefits mandated by the State.

RESOLVED, that the Ulster County Legislature supports Chemung County and NYSAC efforts to reduce the Medicaid burden on counties and taxpayers throughout the State, and

FURTHER RESOLVED, the Chairman of the Ulster County Legislature is authorized to request a waiver from New York State and from the United States Government, if necessary, to work with other counties and NYSAC to develop a pilot program to deliver required Medicaid health services to Ulster County residents in a more cost efficient way than the current system, and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Ulster County Legislature shall forward copies of this resolution to President George W. Bush, Governor George E. Pataki, United States Senators Hillary Rodham Clinton and Charles Schumer, United States Congressman Maurice Hinchey, Senate Majority Leader Joseph Bruno, Senate Minority Leader Martin Connor, Assembly Speaker Sheldon Silver, Assembly Minority Leader Charles Nesbitt, New York State Senators John J. Bonacic and William J. Larkin, Jr., New York State Assemblymen Kevin Cahill, Clifford Crouch, Daniel Hooker and Thomas Kirwan, the National Association of Counties and the New York State Association of Counties,

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and moves its adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 24                      NOES: 8  
(Legislators Bartels, Berardi,  
Feldmann, Hyatt, Lomita, Richard  
Parete, Provenzano and Shapiro)  
(Absent: Legislator Hathaway)

FINANCIAL IMPACT:  
NONE

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