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CP of NYS, AFFILIATES TO RECEIVE CRITICAL NYS HEALTHCARE FUNDING

AWARDS ARE PART OF \$204 MILLION IN FUNDING TO STRENGTHEN AND PRESERVE ACCESS TO HIGH-QUALITY HEALTH CARE ANNOUNCED BY GOVERNOR CUOMO

Governor Andrew M. Cuomo has announced \$204 million to support 95 projects that will protect and transform New York State's health care system. Nearly \$20 Million dollars of that will be awarded to CP of NYS and Affiliates across the state to help fund critical programs in communities large and small.

Cerebral Palsy Associations of New York State has been awarded more than \$13.3 million for our statewide telemedicine program, enabling the organization to purchase and install telemedicine equipment in more than 1,000 residences operated by 54 agencies, and serving nearly 7,000 people with intellectual and developmental disabilities across NYS. A pilot program conducted by CP of NYS has proven that the program will reduce emergency room visits and associated inpatient stay.

"This funding will ensure that we can make the best care available to New Yorkers with disabilities while reducing the cost to Medicaid by cutting the number of ER visits, hospital admissions and readmissions," said Susan Constantino, President & CEO of Cerebral Palsy Associations of New York State. "Reducing the number of hospital visits lessens the need for costly ambulance trips and allows individuals to be seen and treated in their own homes by medical professionals. Fewer trips to the hospital also improves the quality of life for individuals with disabilities and reduces staff and administrative costs for agencies."

Other grants of note include:

- **Metro Community Health Centers** will receive more than \$1.5 million to retire debt to better position the organization for value-based payment arrangements and enhance provider service capacity for patients with intellectual and developmental disabilities, provide capital improvements to relocate and expand the Queens health center, and for capital improvements to renovate the facility and expand dental services for patients with intellectual and developmental disabilities at the Brooklyn health center.
- **Center for Disability Services** will receive \$674,309 for the purchase of equipment and to perform IT upgrades to establish a telemedicine network to enhance access to health care services for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.
- Long Island Select Healthcare, which includes **UCP of Long Island**, will receive \$655,392 to purchase equipment and support start-up expenses to expand telehealth and remote patient monitoring of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities

- **Cerebral Palsy Association of the North Country** (\$461,186) to renovate its facility to create a patient-centered layout and purchase telehealth equipment to increase access to mental health and specialty care services.
- **United Cerebral Palsy of New York City** (\$850,000) to purchase a mobile health center outfitted with telehealth equipment to increase access to behavioral and specialty health care for people with intellectual, developmental and physical disabilities.
- **The Center for Discovery** (\$2.07 million) for the Construction of a new diagnostic and treatment center located within a planned specialty hospital to serve people with developmental disabilities residing at the hospital as well as the general public.

According to a news release from Governor Andrew Cuomo, this funding from the Statewide Health Care Facility Transformation Program will improve patient care through the development of high-quality medical facilities and programs serving the inpatient, primary care, mental health, substance use disorder and long-term care needs of communities throughout the State.

"These investments in cutting-edge infrastructure will expand 21st century healthcare options in every corner of the state and improve the health and wellbeing of families for decades to come," said Governor Cuomo.

The funding was awarded under the Statewide Health Care Facility Transformation Program, which was enacted as part of the NYS FY 2018 Budget. The program is administered by the Department of Health and the Dormitory Authority of the State of New York and will help support the objectives of the Delivery System Reform Incentive Program (DSRIP). The purpose of DSRIP is to reduce health care costs and improve the health outcomes of New Yorkers by expanding access to inpatient, primary, preventative and other ambulatory care services as part of regionally integrated healthcare delivery systems. The Program's primary goal is to reduce avoidable hospital visits by 25 percent by 2020.