

RESOLUTION NO. 199

AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH THE NYS OFFICE OF MENTAL HEALTH REGARDING A MEDICAID ENROLLEE DATABASE

Introduced: 6/11/12
By Health Committee:

WHEREAS, The NYS Office of Mental Health has agreed to allow the Albany County Department of Mental Health to electronically access mental health services utilization data of Medicaid enrollees to assist the Department in carrying out its statutory responsibilities for oversight of the mental hygiene system in Albany County, and

WHEREAS, Individuals with serious mental illness who engage in effective mental health treatment have considerably better outcomes than those who do not, the effectiveness of treatment may be undermined by a lack of coordination among providers and discontinuity in services in the community, and

WHEREAS, The Department of Mental Health has indicated that the ability to electronically access mental health services utilization data of Medicaid enrollees assists the Department in planning for services in the future, now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, By the Albany County Legislature that the County Executive is authorized to enter into an agreement with the New York State Office of Mental Health regarding the County Department of Mental Health's use of its database of Medicaid enrollees in Albany County, and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the County Attorney is authorized to approve said agreement as to form and content, and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the County Legislature is directed to forward certified copies of this resolution to the appropriate County Officials.

Adopted by unanimous vote. 6/11/12