

RESOLUTION NO. 327

AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE NYS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH FOR FUNDING UNDER PHASE 20 OF THE HEALTHCARE EFFICIENCY AND AFFORDABILITY LAW (HEAL)

Introduced: 8/9/10

By Social Services Committee:

WHEREAS, By Resolution No. 205 for 2009, this Honorable Body authorized the County Executive to take all immediate and necessary steps to develop plans to overhaul the entire spectrum of long term care for the elderly in Albany County including the replacement of the nursing home, and

WHEREAS, The Commissioner of the Department of Management and Budget has requested authorization to apply for a grant sponsored by the New York State Department of Health for funding up to \$15,000,000 under Phase 20 of the Healthcare Efficiency and Affordability Law (HEAL), and

WHEREAS, The HEAL Program was established to improve the quality, stability and efficiency of health care services in New York State and HEAL NY Phase 20 potentially provides funding for the development of long term care initiatives as alternatives to nursing home beds and appropriate right-sizing of nursing home bed capacity in local communities, and

WHEREAS, HEAL NY Phase 20 has the potential to provide funding for access to job training programs, subsidize employee contributions to extended health insurance benefits and severance pay and potentially provides working capital for a program of all inclusive care for the elderly (PACE) to be operated by a not-for-profit entity, and

WHEREAS, As it is the intention of this Honorable Body to build a new nursing home, the grant application being submitted shall not be viewed as a commitment not to construct a new right-sized nursing home, now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, By the Albany County Legislature that the County Executive is authorized to submit a grant application for State funding to the New York State Department of Health for funding up to \$15,000,000 under Phase 20 of the Healthcare Efficiency and Affordability Law (HEAL) provided that the submission of said grant application is consistent with building a new right-sized nursing home in Albany County, and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the County Attorney is authorized to approve said grant application 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.

Referred to Social Services Committee. 8/9/10