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COUNTY OF ERIE

MARK C. POLONCARZ

COUNTY EXECUTIVE

October 17, 2025

Erie County Legislature
92 Franklin Street – Fourth Floor
Buffalo, New York 14202

RE: Authorization to Contract with Educational Institutions and Providers

Dear Honorable Members:

The Erie County Department of Health (ECDOH) is seeking authorization to enter into agreements with educational institutions, public health and EMS providers for the purpose of providing educational experience for interns, county employees, and instructors across many public health programs.

Should your Honorable Body require further information, please contact Commissioner of Health Gale Burstein. Thank you for your consideration on this matter.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Mark C. Poloncarz".

Mark C. Poloncarz, Esq.
Erie County Executive

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Enclosure

cc: Dr. Gale Burstein, Commissioner of Health

MEMORANDUM

To: Honorable Members of the Erie County Legislature
From: Department of Health
Re: Authorization to Contract with Educational Institutions and Providers
Date: October 17, 2025

SUMMARY

ECDOH is seeking authorization to enter into agreements with local educational institutions and providers for the purpose of providing educational experience for interns, county employees, and instructors across many public health programs

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

None.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

ECDOH is often seeking placement for EMT and Paramedic trainees with local educational institutions and public health and EMS providers to get the required educational or clinical experience needed for their certifications. ECDOH from time to time is asked to lend an instructor to assist a local institution in meeting the requirement of a public health or first responder course as required.

This resolution seeks to update one previously passed by this honorable body in 1993.

CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION

ECDOH will not be able to place EMT, Paramedic, and others seeking certifications into internships or other experiences necessary for certification or be able to assist local education institutions from time to time on course requirements.

STEPS FOLLOWING APPROVAL

ECDOH will work with the County Attorney's Office on executing agreements with educational institutions and providers.

RESOLUTION SUBMITTED BY:
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

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WHEREAS, the Erie County Department of Health (ECDOH) hosts various trainings for public health purposes including EMT and paramedic classes; and

WHEREAS, as part of becoming certified, students are required to meet specific educational and clinical benchmarks; and

WHEREAS, ECDOH often places students with local educational institutions and public health and EMS providers to meet these requirements; and

WHEREAS, from time to time said institutions may ask ECDOH personnel to fill in on courses for students to meet other necessary educational requirements; and

WHEREAS, local universities and other educational institutions seek to place interns with ECDOH for professional and educational experience; and

WHEREAS, ECDOH is seeking authorization to enter into agreements with educational institutions and providers for the above purposes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, the Erie County Legislature hereby authorizes the County Executive or Deputy County Executive to enter into contracts and/or agreements with colleges, universities, educational institutions, and public health and EMS providers; and be it further

RESOLVED, authorization is hereby given for the Division of Budget and Management to make any technical adjustments necessary to effectuate this resolution; and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution will be forwarded to the Erie County Executive's Office, County Attorney's Office, Division of Budget and Management and Department of Health.