



COUNTY OF ERIE

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COUNTY EXECUTIVE

April 24, 2026

Erie County Legislature
92 Franklin Street – Fourth Floor
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RE: Authorization to Enter into Reimbursement Agreements with Insurance Companies

Dear Honorable Members:

The Erie County Department of Health (ECDOH) is seeking authorization to enter into agreements with insurance companies for the purpose of reimbursement for services provided to patients of ECDOH Clinic.

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

Sincerely yours,

Mark C. Poloncarz, Esq.
Erie County Executive

MCP/et
Enclosure

cc: Dr. Gale Burstein, Commissioner of Health

MEMORANDUM

To: Honorable Members of the Erie County Legislature
From: Department of Health
Re: Authorization to Enter into Reimbursement Agreements with Insurance Companies
Date: April 24, 2026

SUMMARY

ECDOH's Clinic provides clinical service to patients and is able to bill insurance companies for those services. ECDOH seeking authorization to enter into agreements with insurance companies for the purpose of reimbursement for services provided to patients of ECDOH Clinic.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

Positive. ECDOH will be able to enter into additional reimbursement agreements with insurance companies for the purpose of reimbursement for services provided.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

New York State Public Health Law Article VI encourages local health departments to seek reimbursement for services rendered to patients with health insurance. Erie County is looking to increase the number of contracted insurance companies to maximize reimbursement.

CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION

Erie County would not be able to enter into reimbursement agreements with insurance companies.

STEPS FOLLOWING APPROVAL

ECDOH will work with Budget and Management and County Attorney's Office on executing all terms of the contract.

RESOLUTION SUBMITTED BY:
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

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WHEREAS, the Erie County Department of Health's (ECDOH) Clinic provides clinical service to patients; and

WHEREAS, New York State Public Health Law Article VI encourages local health departments to seek reimbursement for services rendered to patients with health insurance; and

WHEREAS, by entering into reimbursement agreements with insurance companies ECDOH will be able to bill for services rendered to patients with health insurance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature hereby authorizes the County Executive or Deputy County Executive to enter into agreements with various managed care organizations, commercial insurance providers, and government plans; and be it further

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