

Warren County Board of Supervisors

RESOLUTION NO. 727 OF 2022

RESOLUTION INTRODUCED BY SUPERVISORS SEEBER, HOGAN, BRAYMER, LEGGETT AND DRISCOLL

RESOLUTION URGING THE GOVERNOR AND STATE LEGISLATURE TO ADJUST THE EARLY INTERVENTION RATE STRUCTURE TO IMPROVE ACCESS TO THESE SERVICES FOR CHILDREN WHO LIVE IN POVERTY AND RURAL AREAS

WHEREAS, the structure of the Early Intervention rate methodology promotes inequitable availability of Early Intervention services in New York City and New York State, and

WHEREAS, because Early Intervention rates are set for entire counties, and there are no requirements in the New York State Early Intervention Provider Agreement for providers to serve the entire county that they have identified in their catchment area, providers are free to choose which neighborhoods to provide Early Intervention services in, and

WHEREAS, since the rates are flat across each county, there is no incentive for providers to serve children in poverty, children who live in rural areas, or communities of color, and

WHEREAS, the current structure of the Early Intervention methodology promotes unequal availability of Early Intervention services in New York City and New York State, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Warren County Board of Supervisors calls on the Governor and State Legislature to allocate State funding for a twenty percent rate increase for services provided to children in census tracts where the percentage of the population below poverty is 20 percent or higher; and in areas that require service providers to travel more than 30 minutes between sessions to provide services for children, and be it further

RESOLVED, any provider rate increase will be administered using State funding to ensure localities are not subject to additional EI program expenses, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors shall forward copies of this resolution to the Governor of the State of New York, the New York State Legislature and all others deemed necessary and proper.