

1 **NYSAC 2022 Legislative Conference**
2 **Standing Committee on Children with Special Health Care Needs**
3 **Resolution #2**

4 **Resolution Urging the Governor and State Legislature to Adjust the Early**
5 **Intervention Rate Structure to Improve Access to Services for Children**
6 **Who Speak a Language Other than English**

7 **WHEREAS**, the structure of the Early Intervention rate methodology promotes
8 inequitable availability of Early Intervention services in New York City and New York
9 State; and

10 **WHEREAS**, because there are no requirements in the New York State Early
11 Intervention Provider Agreement for providers to serve equally families who speak a
12 language other than English, providers are free to choose which families to provide
13 Early Intervention services to; and

14 **WHEREAS**, since the rates for bilingual Core Evaluation are insufficient, and
15 providers are still responsible for paying interpreters if a family cancels or does not
16 show up for an appointment, this reduces the incentive for providers to serve children
17 who speak a language other than English.

18 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the New York State Association of
19 Counties (NYSAC) calls on the Governor and State Legislature to allocate State funding
20 for a 15 percent rate increase for Core Bilingual Evaluation; and

21 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that NYSAC calls on the Governor and State
22 Legislature to establish a mechanism to reimburse providers for interpreter fees when a
23 family cancels the evaluation without enough notice to cancel the interpreter; and

24 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, copies of this resolution be sent to the counties of
25 New York encouraging member counties to enact similar resolutions; and

26 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the NYSAC shall forward copies of this resolution to
27 Governor Kathy Hochul, the New York State Legislature and all others deemed
28 necessary and proper.