

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

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5 **Resolution Urging the Governor and State Legislature to Adjust the Early**
6 **Intervention Rate Structure to Improve Access to these Services for**
7 **Children Who Live in Poverty and Rural Areas**

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

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

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

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23 **WHEREAS**, the current structure of the Early Intervention methodology
24 promotes unequal availability of Early Intervention services in New York City and New
25 York State.

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27 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the New York State Association of
28 Counties calls on the Governor and State Legislature to allocate State funding for a
29 twenty percent rate increase for services provided to children in census tracts where the
30 percentage of the population below poverty is 20 percent or higher; and in areas that
31 require service providers to travel more than 30 minutes between sessions to provide
32 services for children; and

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34 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, any provider rate increase will be administered using
35 State funding to ensure localities are not subject to additional EI program expenses;
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38 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, copies of this resolution be sent to the counties of
39 New York encouraging member counties to enact similar resolutions; and

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41 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the New York State Association of Counties shall
42 forward copies of this resolution to the Governor of the State of New York, the New York
43 State Legislature and all others deemed necessary and proper.