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Governor Cuomo Announces \$46 Million in Vital Access/Safety Net Provider Program Awards to Improve Community Care

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Funding Will Help 37 Organizations Provide Critical Services to Fragile, Elderly and Low-Income New Yorkers

Albany, NY (December 3, 2013)

Governor Andrew M. Cuomo today announced more than \$45 million in funding for the Vital Access/Safety Net Provider Program (VAP) to support projects over the next three years by 37 facilities that were selected due to their serious financial condition and critical role in providing services to New York State's fragile, elderly, and low-income population.

"As the State continues its work to increase access to quality healthcare for New Yorkers, these grants will ensure that these 37 community organizations can continue to serve our most vulnerable populations," Governor Cuomo said. "This new support will give elderly and low-income New Yorkers expanded and better healthcare service for years to come. The Vital Access/Safety Net Provider Program is yet another key component in the work of the Medicaid Redesign Team and our ongoing efforts to transform the State's healthcare system to better care for New Yorkers and deliver for taxpayers."

These funds will be used primarily to improve community care and to achieve defined financial, operational, and quality improvement goals related to integration or reconfiguration of services offered by the facility. Specific examples include:

- expand access to ambulatory services through additional needed services or added hours of operations
- open urgent care centers to help reduce use of emergency rooms
- improve quality through reduced adverse events thus also reducing overall costs
- expand services in rural areas through additional primary and specialty care services
- establish care coordination between providers and levels of health care service delivery
- provide more effective services that meet the needs of the community

The VAP program was established by the Medicaid Redesign Team. The State Department of Health (DOH) received \$182 million in available funding for 2013-14. In September 2012, Phase I awards were announced totaling \$56 million. With today's Phase II award of \$46 million, \$80 million is available for future awards.

DOH will immediately begin working with the 37 awarded facilities to establish goals to measure success of the program and to identify financial, operational, and quality metrics to track progress toward these goals. In addition, the DOH will submit the required documents to the Federal Government for approval. The process is anticipated to take approximately 60 days, and DOH expects to release the funds to the facilities at the beginning of February. Ongoing payments to facilities will be dependent on achieving the agreed upon metrics.

The VAP awards support multi-year projects submitted by hospitals, nursing homes, free standing clinics, and home health providers. To date, DOH has received more than 150 applications totaling \$1.2 billion. Due to the significant number of applications received as well as the number of additional facilities that also need support, DOH anticipates funding will come from the MRT Waiver and is working closely with the Federal Government to secure this critical funding. These funds are needed to help providers achieve financial stability and advance ongoing operational changes to improve community care as well as extend health coverage to nearly one million New Yorkers under the Affordable Care Act.

Facilities receiving funding for 2013-14 for their multi-year projects include:

Facility	2013-14
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AHRC Health Care, Inc. dba Access Comm Health Center (New York City)	\$ 213,535
Anthony L. Jordan Health Center (Finger Lakes)	\$ 856,220
AO Fox Memorial Hospital (Mohawk Valley)	\$ 3,031,209
Asian & Pacific Islander Coalition HIV/AIDS (APICHA) (New York City)	\$ 1,682,405
Blue Line Group (North Country)	\$ 3,500,000
Catskill Regional Hospital (Mid-Hudson)	\$ 889,105
Clifton Fine Hospital (North Country)	\$ 1,225,000
Cortland Regional Medical Center (Central NY)	\$ 577,633
Critical Access Hospitals (Locations Statewide)	\$ 5,000,000
Crouse Community Center (Central New York)	\$ 645,000
Delaware Valley Hospital (Southern Tier)	\$ 221,650
East Hill Family Medical Inc.(Central NY)	\$ 216,440
EJ Nobel/Canton Hospitals (North Country)	\$ 2,000,000
Ellenville Hospital (Mid-Hudson)	\$ 219,780
Elmwood Health Center (Western NY)	\$ 369,980
Finger Lakes Migrant Health Care Project dba Finger Lakes Community Health (Finger Lakes)	\$ 796,794
Floating Hospital Inc. (Long Island)	\$ 222,517
Hudson River Health Care, Inc.(Mid-Hudson)	\$ 505,540
Institute for Family Health (New York City)	\$ 1,808,571
Jefferson County Public Health Service (North Country)	\$ 382,862
Kings County Hospital (New York City)	\$ 1,000,000
Lewis County Hospital (North Country)	\$ 788,798
Little Falls Hospital (Mohawk Valley)	\$ 431,946
Montefiore Hospital (New York City)	\$ 6,000,000
Morris Heights Health Center (New York City)	\$ 443,722
Mount Vernon Neighborhood Health Center Network (Mid-Hudson)	\$ 236,152
New York Methodist Hospital (New York City)	\$ 3,005,000
Niagara Falls Memorial Medical Center (Western New York)	\$ 261,676
Oswego Hospital (Central New York)	\$ 750,000
Planned Parenthood of New York City, Inc.(New York City)	\$ 645,327
Planned Parenthood of the Rochester/Syracuse Region, Inc. (Finger Lakes/Central New York)	\$ 1,396,150
Rochester Primary Care Network Inc./Rushville Health Center Inc. (Finger Lakes)	\$ 402,187
Rome Memorial Hospital (Mohawk Valley)	\$ 855,125
Schuyler Hospital (Mohawk Valley)	\$ 216,113
Upper Hudson Planned Parenthood (Capital)	\$ 200,000
Visiting Nurse Association of Long Island, Inc. (Long Island)	\$ 3,204,920
Wyckoff Heights Medical Center (New York City)	\$ 1,321,800
Total	\$45,523,157

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