

Resolution #12 of 2011

Resolution Urging Multi-Year State Takeover of the Local Share of Medicaid

November 14, 2011

WHEREAS, town officials across the state are presently introducing their 2012 budget; and

WHEREAS, these budget decisions are being made under the constraints of the state's new property tax cap; and

WHEREAS, when state lawmakers enacted a property tax cap, they pledged to provide mandate relief that would enable and empower local leaders to implement that tax cap locally; and

WHEREAS, that mandate relief has not materialized; and

WHEREAS, State Legislation S5889-B will require state policymakers to take full fiscal responsibility for New York's largest in the nation Medicaid program, by implementing an eight (8) year gradual state takeover of town Medicaid costs; and

WHEREAS, removing town taxpayers from the financing of Medicaid is the single most important thing the state legislature can do to lower property taxes for New Yorkers; and

WHEREAS, the state takeover of town Medicaid costs will lead to lower property taxes and enhance New York's economic competitiveness and improve economic opportunities for all New Yorkers; and

WHEREAS, state lawmakers can fund the takeover with a combination of Medicaid program reforms, state-derived savings and other spending controls, including applying Medicaid Redesign Term (MRT) reform savings to mandate relief and pursuing a federal Medicaid waiver to leverage state cost containment initiatives that can be applied to property tax relief and applying future revenues to lowering property taxes and by allowing federal health care reforms to cover New Yorkers;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Delhi Town Board calls upon state lawmakers to keep their promise and sign onto legislature S5889-B which provides for a freeze on local Medicaid increases effective January 1, 2012 and a 5% reduction in local Medicaid payments

effective October 1, 2012 giving towns the immediate relief needed and the balance in sever additional year reductions of town Medicaid costs through 2019.

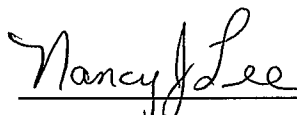
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this resolution be sent to Governor Andrew Cuomo, Senator John Bonacic, Assemblyman Clifford Crouch, Assemblyman Peter Lopez, New York State Department of Health Dr. Richard Daines, New York State Comptroller Thomas DiNapoli and the New York State Association of Towns.

STATE OF NEW YORK }
COUNTY OF DELAWARE }
TOWN OF DELHI }

I have compared the preceding copy with the original Resolution on file in this office adopted by the Town Board of Delhi at a meeting held November 14, 2011 and I DO HEREBY CERTIFY the same to be a correct transcript there from and of the whole of the original. I further certify the vote thereon was as follows:

MEMBERS PRESENT	MEMBERS ABSENT	VOTE
Michele DeFreece		Yes
James Bracci		Yes
Kevin Lee		Yes
Allan Reed		Yes
Peter Bracci		Yes

Witness my hand and the seal of the Town of Delhi, this 14th day of November. 2011



Nancy J. Lee, Town Clerk
Town of Delhi