November 20, 2020

To The Honorable
Monroe County Legislature
407 County Office Building
Rochester, New York 14614

Subject: Amend Resolution 168 of 2020 to Increase the Contract with Quest Diagnostics Incorporated to Provide Employees and Contractors of Monroe Community Hospital with COVID-19 Testing to Comply with the New York State Governor’s Executive Order 202.30 as it Relates to the COVID-19 State of Emergency

Honorable Legislators:

I recommend that Your Honorable Body amend Resolution 168 of 2020 to increase the contract with Quest Diagnostics Incorporated from a total amount not to exceed $1,500,000 to a total amount not to exceed $3,000,000 to provide employees and contractors of Monroe Community Hospital (“MCH”) with COVID-19 testing to comply with the New York State Governor’s Executive Order 202.30, any extensions or modifications thereof pursuant to the COVID-19 State of Emergency, and any other federal, New York State, or local testing requirements for the period of May 20, 2020 through December 31, 2020, with the option to renew for one (1) additional one-year term at an amount not to exceed $3,000,000.

The Governor’s Executive Order 202.30 provides that nursing home employees must be tested twice weekly to help stop the spread of COVID-19 to its vulnerable population. That Executive Order has been amended to require employee testing to once per week, but New York State also requires twice-weekly testing for facilities in red, orange, or yellow zone-designated communities, pursuant to the Governor’s Executive Order 202.73. MCH also must comply with U.S. Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services regulations requiring employee testing, which services from Quest Diagnostics Incorporated also satisfy, based on the frequency of MCH staff test submissions. MCH must maintain a certain level of staffing to ensure proper resident care and safety.

The specific legislative action required is to amend Resolution 168 of 2020 to increase the contract with Quest Diagnostics Incorporated from a total amount not to exceed $1,500,000 to a total amount not to exceed $3,000,000 to provide employees and contractors of Monroe Community Hospital with COVID-19 testing to comply with the New York State’s Governor’s Executive Order 202.30, any extensions or modifications thereof pursuant to the COVID-19 State of Emergency, and any other federal, New York State, or local testing requirements for the period of May 20, 2020 through December 31, 2020 with the option to renew for one (1) additional one-year term at an amount not to exceed $3,000,000.
Funding for this contract is included in the 2020 operating budget of the Department of Finance, general fund 9001, funds center 1209070100, State of Emergency, through December 30, 2020, and in Monroe Community Hospital, hospital fund 9012, funds center 6201010000, MCH - Administration, and in the proposed 2021 operating budget of Monroe Community Hospital, hospital fund 9012, funds center 6201010000, MCH - Administration. No additional net County Support is required in the current Monroe County budget.

This action is a Type II Action pursuant to 6 NYCRR § 617.5(c)(26) ("routine or continuing agency administration and management, not including new programs or major reordering of priorities that may affect the environment") and is not subject to further review under the State Environmental Quality Review Act.

The records in the Office of the Monroe County Treasury have indicated that neither Quest Diagnostics Incorporated, nor its principal officer, Stephen H. Rusckowski, CEO owe any delinquent Monroe County Property taxes.

I recommend that this matter be referred to the appropriate committee(s) for favorable action by Your Honorable Body.

Sincerely,

Adam J. Bello
Monroe County Executive

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November 6, 2020

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