Medicaid Supplemental Funds

I am pleased to report that $3 million in Medicaid supplemental funds have been included in the 2014-2015 NYS Budget that was approved yesterday. As a result of the inclusion in the Budget, the Federal Government will match the amount resulting in a $6 million increase in the amount of Medicaid money available to those ambulance services who bill Medicaid for service regardless of whether they are volunteer, not-for profit or for profit. This has been approved for the next 2 years which means an additional $12 million for services that bill Medicaid.

The funds can start as of May first and are distributed quarterly based on actual Medicaid transports. As in the past, we anticipate a separate check will be cut automatically from DOH once a quarter has passed.

We were able to accomplish this as a result of the partnership that NYSVARA has with our colleagues at the United New York Ambulance Network (UNYAN). It took hard work and many trips to Albany. I want to take this opportunity to thank all of our members who contacted their representatives in Albany in support of this initiative. I also want to thank our colleagues at UNYAN for their help and support.