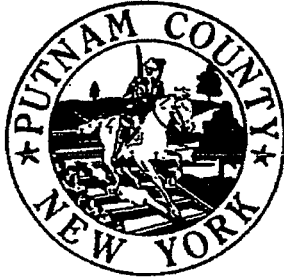


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**AGENDA**

**HEALTH, SOCIAL, EDUCATIONAL & ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE MEETING  
TO BE HELD IN ROOM 318  
PUTNAM COUNTY OFFICE BUILDING  
CARMEL, NEW YORK 10512**

**Chairwoman Montgomery, Legislators Addonizio & Russo**

**Wednesday**

**6:00PM**

**April 8, 2026**

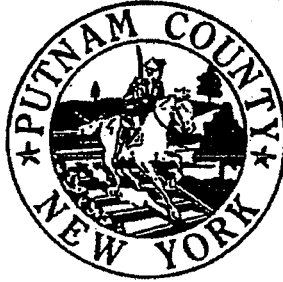
- 1. Pledge of Allegiance**
- 2. Roll Call**
- 3. Discussion - Update - Putnam Hospital - Hospital President Dr. Mark Hirko**
- 4. Discussion - Update - Department of Health - PFAS Pilot Program Quarterly Update from Public Health Director Rian Rodriguez and Associate Public Health Sanitarian Brian Stevens**
- 5. Approval - Fund Transfer 26T067 - Department of Health - Move Allocated Funds from Early Learning Center (ELC) Itinerant Services Line to ELC Care at Private Institutions Line**
- 6. Approval - Budgetary Amendment 26A023 – Department of Health - Adjust DOH Budget To Account for the Performance Incentive Award**
- 7. Approval - Resolution Proposed by Legislator Montgomery - Urging NYS Legislature To Pass S4744A / A8396 to Increase the Personal Needs Allowance for Nursing Home Residents**
- 8. Other Business**
- 9. Adjournment**

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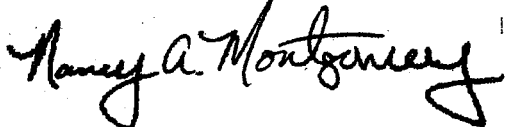
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MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** April 1, 2026

**TO:** Kevin Byrne  
Putnam County Executive

**CC:** Rian Rodriguez, Public Health Director, Health Department  
Shanna Siegel, Supervising Public Health Educator, Health Department  
Brian Stevens, Associate Public Health Sanitarian, Health Department

**FROM:** Nancy Montgomery  
Chair, Health Committee 

**RE:** Request for Health Department Update - PFAS Private Well Mitigation Pilot Program

At the February 10, 2026 Health Committee meeting, Health Department Director Rian Rodriguez, Supervising Public Health Educator Shanna Siegel, and Associate Public Health Sanitarian Brian Stevens presented on the New York State Private Well PFAS Testing and Mitigation Rebate Pilot Program. At that time, the Committee requested a quarterly update on the program's status and implementation.

In advance of the April 8, 2026, Health Committee meeting, I respectfully request that a representative of the Health Department attend to provide a quarterly update and overview of the program, including implementation progress and anticipated next steps.

As the Committee considers the accompanying resolution to increase estimated revenues (Revenue Line: 12401000 416016) in the amount of \$300,000 for 2026, additional clarity would be helpful in the following areas, as part of the requested update:

- **Funding structure:**
  - Clarification on how the \$300,000 allocation relates to the State's referenced \$1.5 million in available funding
- **Program administration:**
  - Anticipated administrative responsibilities for the Health Department, particularly given the level of public interest

- Staffing capacity, inspection and testing oversight, and reimbursement processing - do we have the capacity?
- **Public outreach and accessibility:**
  - How residents are notified of program availability
  - Coordination with existing Department of Health well testing data
  - Identification of impacted areas or potential PFAS clusters

This resolution presents an important opportunity to leverage state funding to support Putnam County residents who rely on private wells and may be impacted by PFAS contamination. Notably, this program does not create a local taxpayer burden and provides meaningful public health and environmental benefits.

Thank you for your attention to this request.

Attachment

PUTNAM COUNTY LEGISLATURE

Resolution #47

Introduced by Legislator: Nancy Montgomery on behalf of the Health, Social, Educational & Environmental Committee at a Regular Meeting held on March 3, 2026.

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**APPROVAL – BUDGETARY AMENDMENT (26A004) – HEALTH DEPARTMENT – PRIVATE WELLS PFAS TESTING AND MITIGATION REBATE PILOT PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Public Health Director requested budgetary amendment (26A004) to fund the Private Well PFAS Testing and Mitigation Rebate Pilot Program;

WHEREAS, the New York State Governor, the Environmental Facilities Corporation (EFC), in cooperation with the New York State Department of Health (DOH), and the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) state the goal of this program is to improve water quality by providing financial assistance to assess and mitigate PFAS contaminants specific in private drinking water supplies where no specific industrial source of the contamination nor responsible party has been or can be identified; and

WHEREAS, the Health, Social, Educational & Environmental and Audit & Administration Committees have reviewed and approved said budgetary transfer; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the following budgetary transfer be made:

**Increase Estimated Appropriations:**

12401000 54558 EHS – PFAS Private Well Disbursements 300,000

**Increase Estimated Revenues:**

12401000 416016 EHS – PFAS Private Well Mitigation 300,000

2026 - Fiscal Impact - \$0

2027 - Fiscal Impact - \$0

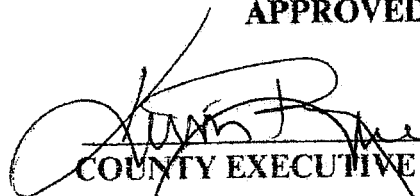
BY POLL VOTE: SEVEN AYES. LEGISLATORS CROWLEY & SAYEGH WERE ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

APPROVED

State of New York

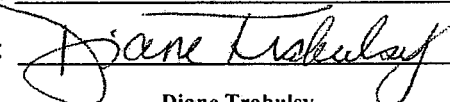
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COUNTY EXECUTIVE DATE

I hereby certify that the above is a true and exact copy of a resolution passed by the Putnam County Legislature while in session on March 3, 2026.

Dated: March 5, 2026

Signed: 

Diane Trabulsi  
Clerk of the Legislature of Putnam County

cc: All

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COUNTY OF PUTNAM

FUND TRANSFER REQUEST # 1087

TO: Commissioner of Finance
FROM: William A. Orr, Jr., Senior Fiscal Manager
DEPT: Health
DATE: March 24, 2026

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CARMEL, NY

I hereby request approval for the following transfer of funds:

Table with 3 columns: FROM ACCOUNT # / NAME, TO ACCOUNT # / NAME, AMOUNT. Row 1: 10296001-54441 Early Learning Center (ELC) -Itinerant Services, 10296001-54414 Early Learning Center (ELC) -Care at Private Inst, \$250,000.00

PURPOSE

At the submission of the 2026 budget last year, it was unclear what services the children at the ELC would be receiving. We had funded the Itinerant Services Line for all services to be rendered. During the fall semester of 2025, it became clear that half the children were receiving Special Education Itinerant Services (SEIT). This transfer will increase the Care at Private Institutions expense line (where SEIT Services reside) and properly reflect anticipated expenses for 2026.

2026 Fiscal Impact \$ 0.00

2027 Fiscal Impact \$ 0.00

Department Head Signature/Designee Date

AUTHORIZATION: (Electronic signatures)

Date Commissioner of Finance / Designee: Initiated by: \$0 - \$5,000.00

Date County Executive / Designee: Authorized for Legislative Consideration: \$5,000.01 - \$10,000.00

Date Chairperson Audit / Designee: \$0 - \$10,000.00

Date Audit & Administration Committee: \$10,000.01 - \$25,000.00

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WILLIAM J. CARLIN, Jr. CPA  
Commissioner Of Finance



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PUTNAM COUNTY EXECUTIVE

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DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE

# 6.

MEMORANDUM

To: Diane Trabulsy, Legislative Clerk  
From: William J. Carlin, Jr., Commissioner of Finance *WJC*  
Re: Budgetary Amendment - 26A023  
Date: April 1, 2026

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PUTNAM COUNTY  
CARROLL, NY

At the request of the Public Health Director, the following budgetary amendment is required.

**Increase Estimated Appropriations:**

10401000 52110	Furniture	4,000
10401000 54783	Licensing software & accessories	1,500
11017000 54640	Education & Training	3,000
11401000 54330	Medical Supplies	5,000
11401000 54640	Education & Training	3,000
11401000 54445	Lab Supplies	2,000
12401000 54783	Licensing software & accessories	1,500
21401000 51093	Overtime	2,212
21401000 58002	FICA	169
21401000 54640	Education & Training	703
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**Increase Estimated Revenues:**

10401000 434890 10118	State aid other - PII <i>Performance Incentive Initiative</i>	23,084
	Fiscal Impact - 2026 - \$ 0	
	Fiscal Impact - 2027 - \$ 0	

This Resolution will adjust the Health Department Budget to account for the Performance Incentive Award received as indicated in the attached correspondence. Please forward to the appropriate committee.

Approved : : \_\_\_\_\_  
Kevin M, Byrne, County Executive



## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** William Carlin, Interim Commissioner of Finance

**FROM:** William A. Orr, Jr., Senior Fiscal Manager *WAO*

**DATE:** March 30, 2026

**RE:** **Budgetary Amendment**

Please review and approve this Budgetary Amendment for Performance Incentive Initiative (PII) disbursements to Health Department. This Amendment will ensure that we provide programs which align with the approved uses of the funds.

**Increase Revenue:** 10401000-434890-10118 \$23,084.00  
PII-State Aid Other

**Total Increase Revenue** **\$23,084.00**

**Increase Expense:** 10401000-52110 \$ 4,000.00  
Administration-Furniture  
(Office task chairs for Public Health Directors Conference Table)

**Increase Expense:** 10401000-54783 \$ 1,500.00  
Administration-Licensing & Software Accessories  
(Webcams and headsets for Fiscal staff)

**Increase Expense:** 11017000-54640 \$ 3,000.00  
Immunization-Education & Training  
(Immunization Conference-see Justification next page)

**Increase Expense:** 11401000-54330 \$ 5,000.00  
Nursing-Medical Supplies  
(Colorectal Test Kits-see Justification next page)

**Increase Expense:** 11401000-54640 \$ 3,000.00  
Nursing-Education & Training  
(Public Health Partnership Conference-see Justification next page)

<b>Increase Expense:</b> 11401000-54445 Nursing-Laboratory (Colorectal Test Kits-see Justification next page)	\$ 2,000.00
<b>Increase Expense:</b> 12401000-54783 EHS-Licensing & Software Accessories (Webcams and headsets for EHS staff)	\$ 1,500.00
<b>Increase Expense:</b> 21401000-51093 Health Ed-Overtime	\$ 2,212.00
<b>Increase Expense:</b> 21401000-58002 Health Ed-FICA	\$ 169.00
<b>Increase Expense:</b> 21401000-54640 Health Ed-Education & Training	\$ 703.00
<b>Total Increase Expense</b>	<b><u>\$23,084.00</u></b>
<b>Total Fiscal Impact</b>	<b>(0.00)</b>

### **The Immunization Conference**

Due to retirement, staff is new in the Immunization Program. This conference is solely dedicated to collaboration and partnership as a way to improve immunization uptake, educate our communities, and prevent the spread of disease.

### **Public Health Partnership Conference**

This conference is a great opportunity for two nurses new to Public Health to see examples of public health work being conducted by counties across NYS. This conference is designed for anyone promoting and protecting the public's health: educators, academics, county health officials and employees, students, medical and dental practitioners, state health employees and others in the field of public health, education and medical care.

### **Colorectal Test Kits**

The Health Department can provide colorectal cancer screening kits to support early detection and prevention. These kits help raise awareness, encourage regular screening, and improve overall community health by reducing the incidence of colorectal cancer.

CALL

#7

**RESOLUTION PROPOSED BY LEGISLATOR MONTGOMERY FOR CONSIDERATION AT HEALTH**

**Urging the New York State Legislature to Pass S4744A / A8396 to Increase the Personal Needs Allowance for Nursing Home Residents**

**WHEREAS, the Personal Needs Allowance (PNA) provides nursing home residents whose primary payor source is Medicaid with a monthly discretionary amount to cover basic personal items such as toiletries, clothing, haircuts, telephone service, and other incidental needs not otherwise covered; and**

**WHEREAS, the current Personal Needs Allowance in New York State is \$50 per month and has not been increased since 1988; and**

**WHEREAS, many nursing home residents must exhaust their life savings and contribute the vast majority of their income, including Social Security and pension benefits, to nursing home operators toward the cost of their care in order to qualify for Medicaid; and**

**WHEREAS, public investments in long-term care must prioritize not only the sustainability of facilities, but also the basic dignity and daily needs of the residents who depend on them**

**WHEREAS, after a lifetime of work, contribution, and participation in our communities, these individuals are left with just \$50 per month to meet all of their personal needs; and**

**WHEREAS, over the past several decades, the cost of basic goods and services has increased significantly, rendering the current allowance insufficient to meet even minimal standards of dignity and personal independence; and**

**WHEREAS, the federal government, through the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), authorizes states to increase the Personal Needs Allowance using Medicaid funding; and**

**WHEREAS, several neighboring and comparable states, including Connecticut, New Jersey, Ohio, and Illinois, have already taken action to increase their Personal Needs Allowance; and**

**WHEREAS, New York State continues to invest significant public funding in the nursing home system, and it is essential that these investments also meaningfully support the well-being and dignity of residents themselves;**

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature hereby urges the New York State Legislature to pass Senate Bill S4744A and Assembly Bill A8396 to increase the Personal Needs Allowance for nursing home residents; and**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature calls upon New York State to ensure that, in addition to supporting nursing home operations, adequate attention is given to the personal dignity, autonomy, and quality of life of the individuals who reside within them; and**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this Resolution be forwarded to Governor Kathy Hochul, Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins, Assembly Speaker Carl Heastie, Senator Peter Harckham, Senator Rob Rolison, Assemblyman Matt Slater, Assemblywoman Dana Levenberg, and all others deemed necessary and proper.**

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