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Foundation for Long Term Care Inc. Receives Grant from Mother Cabrini Health Foundation in Support of Medical Model Adult Day Health Care Programs Responding to the COVID-19 Emergency

LATHAM, NY — The Mother Cabrini Health Foundation is supporting adult day health care programs to provide community-based services to Medicaid beneficiaries in the context of COVID-19. It has awarded \$68,713 to the Foundation for Long Term Care to develop resources and tools to support medical model adult day health care providers to meet the needs of older adults with complex medical conditions and functional limitations in the COVID-19 environment and beyond. These resources will enhance the expertise of nurses and social workers to address new challenges as the COVID-19 emergency evolves, including expanding telehealth services, strengthening infection control practices, and combatting social isolation. Ultimately, the goal is to ensure that participants will continue to receive long term care services in the least restrictive setting while optimizing health outcomes and avoiding hospitalizations.

Medical model adult day health care programs serve impoverished (Medicaid) beneficiaries who need long term care services and supports in all areas in New York State from urban to very rural areas. These providers serve a wide range of ages, abilities, cultures and communities.

“As the largest healthcare foundation in New York State, it is a vital part of our mission to be on the front lines assisting during this pandemic,” said Alfred F. Kelly, Jr., Chief Executive Officer of Visa and Chair of the Mother Cabrini Health Foundation Board. “We are working to get urgently needed funds across the state to organizations supporting New Yorkers most in need.”

“New York’s poorest and most vulnerable communities are facing unprecedented challenges due to COVID-19,” said Msgr. Gregory Mustacioulo, the Foundation’s Chief Executive Officer. “Honoring the legacy of Mother Cabrini, we intend these grants to have a significant impact in ameliorating food insecurity, helping providers as they deliver care and services in this challenging environment, offering mental health services, and sustaining other essential resources. We plan to continue to monitor the crisis, and we will continue to adjust our response as needs arise.”

Grants were distributed to organizations whose efforts focused on addressing New Yorkers’ health needs, as well as the social determinants of health: from supporting food banks across

the state and bolstering shelter providers' ability to provide care for some of New York's most vulnerable populations, to assisting clinics as they administer care to individuals with COVID-19.

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The Foundation for Long Term Care, Inc. is a private, not-for-profit 501(c)(3) research and education organization founded in 1978. In keeping with its mission to improve by research and education the way care for an aging society is delivered, it has a reputation for outstanding research and demonstration projects and for innovative seminars aimed at keeping health care professionals informed of constant changes in the field. FLTC's educational entity conducts education events throughout the year to enhance the effectiveness of member leaders and staff, enabling members to obtain much of the professional credit mandated to retain licenses and certification. Our wide range of educational offerings includes audio conferences, webinars, online courses, one day programs, and annual conferences.

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The Mother Cabrini Health Foundation is a private, nonprofit organization with the mission to improve the health and well-being of the vulnerable New Yorkers, bolster the health outcomes of targeted communities, eliminate barriers to care, and bridge gaps in health services. The Foundation – which is named in memory of a tireless advocate for immigrants, children, and the poor – provides flexible support for new and innovative approaches that enhance health and wellness across New York State. For more information, visit

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