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March 27<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Dr. James V. McDonald, M.D., M.P.H.  
Acting Commissioner  
New York State Department of Health  
Empire State Plaza  
Corning Tower  
Albany, NY 12237

**Re: AthenaPsych**  
**Statewide Health Care Facility Transformation Program IV & V (RFA #20258)**  
**Telehealth Transformation**

Dear Dr. McDonald,

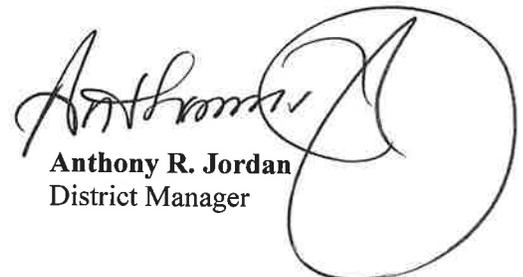
On March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2024, the Board voted unanimously to support AthenaPsych bid for the NYSDOH Statewide Transformation IV & V grant. As a beacon of hope in New York's mental health landscape, it is our understanding that AthenaPsych has tirelessly catered to the psychosocial needs of Medicaid beneficiaries as an OMH provider. Their proposed telehealth mobile app can stand as a testament to innovation, designed to reach underserved populations within our district and the South Bronx as a whole.

The absence of Medicaid-supporting mental health mobile applications in New York State has left a void in accessible healthcare provision. It is our understanding, AthenaPsych's initiative promises to bridge this gap, democratizing mental health support for those burdened by economic constraints. Considering their transformative telehealth proposal would not only level the playing field for low-income residents but also solidify the State's commitment to inclusive healthcare reform.

In the face of the ongoing mental health crisis, AthenaPsych has consistently proven its capability to deliver compassionate and effective care. Giving their proposal for a Statewide Transformation IV & V grant every consideration would be a strategic move to empower a proven ally in our collective pursuit of mental wellness for all New Yorkers. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact us directly at [Bx01@CB.NYC.Gov](mailto:Bx01@CB.NYC.Gov).

Sincerely,

  
**Clarisa Alayeto**  
Chairperson

  
**Anthony R. Jordan**  
District Manager

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