



F·E·G·S Selected by New York State Department of Health to Partner in Health Homes in Nassau County, Bronx and Brooklyn To Manage Health Care of People with Complex Medical Needs, Including Mental Illness

F·E·G·S Health and Human Services System has been selected by the **New York State Department of Health (NYS DOH)**, joining with partners in Nassau County, the Bronx and Brooklyn to implement New York State's new Health Home initiative, a care management service model which will deliver a platform of coordinated, comprehensive and integrated care.

F·E·G·S will lead the **Nassau County Health Home** in partnership with the **Nassau County Department of Mental Health, Chemical Dependency and Developmental Disabilities Services** and a network of community providers. In the Bronx, F·E·G·S on behalf of **Coordinated Behavioral Care (CBC)**, a new nonprofit collaboration of 53 New York City non-profit, community behavioral health providers, will partner jointly with **Bronx Lebanon Hospital Center** together with **iHealth/HelpPSI, AllMed Medical Centers, Bronx Works, Corinthian IPA, Essen Medical** and a broad network of community organizations. In Brooklyn, F·E·G·S will be part of two Health Home networks, one led by **The Institute for Community Living** and the **CBC** network, and the second led by **Maimonides Medical Center** with partners including **Lutheran Medical Center, ICL, Visiting Nurse Service of New York, First to Come Home Care; Jewish Board of Family and Children's Services; Promoting Specialized Care and Health; Center for Urban and Community Services.**

"Navigating the health care system for anyone with complex medical conditions can be complicated, and the challenges are magnified for low-income individuals with mental illness and other medical issues who are covered by Medicaid," said Dr. Jonas Waizer, F·E·G·S Chief Operating Officer and Chairman of the Board of CBC. *"Health Homes recognize the critical role of care coordination in improving the health care status of these vulnerable New Yorkers and in reducing health care costs for New York State."*

"The establishment of Health Homes provides the framework for health care providers to work in regional partnerships to provide better care, more cost-effectively," notes Gail Magaliff, F·E·G·S CEO. *"F·E·G·S is honored to have been selected by the NYS DOH to be at the forefront with Nassau County government, Bronx Lebanon Hospital Center, the CBC network and many community providers to implement the Health Home initiative for Medicaid enrollees with chronic conditions under Governor Andrew Cuomo's Medicaid Redesign Team recommendations."*

About F·E·G·S Health and Human Services System

F·E·G·S, established in 1934, is one of the largest and most diversified health and human service organizations in the country, helping more than 100,000 New Yorkers annually to achieve greater success, independence and dignity at work, at school, at home and in the community. With an annual budget of \$250 million and more than 5,000 staff, interns and volunteers, the F·E·G·S network works in partnership with government, the philanthropic and voluntary community, to provide services in the areas of health, disabilities, housing, home care, employment, education, youth and families. F·E·G·S brings together the best professionals, programs and resources, supported by the latest technology, to inspire success in individuals and families and strengthen communities. ■