



## TIOGA COUNTY 2022 SHARED SERVICES PLAN

November 4, 2021

As Chair of the Tioga County Legislature and Chair of the Shared Services Panel, I am formally presenting the Tioga County Legislature with the 2022 Shared Services Plan and progress to date, per this past year's discussion.

Since our 2017 Plan submission, the Shared Services Panel of municipal officials representing our nine towns and six villages continued to meet on a regular basis with good participation.

In 2021, the Shared Services Panel conducted four (4) meetings; April 21<sup>st</sup>, August 11<sup>th</sup>, October 20<sup>th</sup>, and November 3<sup>rd</sup>, to discuss, develop, and approve a new Tioga County Shared Services Plan for 2022. In addition, we conducted three public hearings on October 25<sup>th</sup> with local media and one resident present.

In August 2021, Tioga County became aware of a shared services opportunity with the Broome County Purchasing Alliance (BCPA) for a Medicare Advantage Plan/Medicare Part D Prescription Drug Coverage for the County's eligible Medicare retirees and their spouses. The Legislature proceeded with the adoption of a resolution at their September 16, 2021 Legislature meeting authorizing a contract with the chosen vendor, United Health Care effective January 1, 2022.

In September 2021, Tioga County was approached by the Owego-Apalachin Central School District to join the Tioga County Shared Services Panel, as they were interested in pursuing a shared service opportunity for a prescription drug plan and management through their school district and Capital Region BOCES effective January 1, 2022 for inclusion in the 2022 Tioga County Shared Services Plan.

At the October 20, 2021 Shared Services Panel meeting, we welcomed and accepted the Owego-Apalachin Central School District as our newest Panel member. At this meeting, the Owego-Apalachin Central School District and Tioga County presented their proposed plans for inclusion in the Tioga County's 2022 Shared Services Plan.

The following two proposed plans were presented to the Shared Services Panel, the Tioga County Legislature, as evidenced by the adoption of the resolution and discussions at Legislative meetings, as well as to the public and local media at the three required public hearings.

**Tioga County's Medicare Advantage Insurance for Eligible Retirees and Spouses:**

Tioga County was approached earlier this year regarding participation in a Request for Proposal (RFP) with the Broome County Purchasing Alliance regarding a Medicare Advantage Plan/Medicare Part D Prescription Drug Coverage for our eligible Medicare retirees and their spouses.

This RFP resulted in reviewing three potential plans for consideration and through this process Broome County chose United Health Care (UHC) as the vendor. Tioga County chose Plan 1, as this plan closely mirrored Tioga County's existing plan. However, the premium rate proposed was half of what Tioga County's current plan is thus realizing a savings of \$770,000 for Year 1, as well as the opportunity to seek matching funds through the Countywide Shared Services Initiative Program.

The Tioga County Legislature adopted a resolution on September 16, 2021 authorizing a contract with United Health Care to proceed with this new plan effective January 1, 2022.

**Owego-Apalachin Central School District NYS Pharmacy Purchasing Coalition:**

The Owego-Apalachin Central School District will be partnering with the Capital Region BOCES thus creating a shared service agreement between the two entities.

In order for the savings generated by this new service to be eligible for the Countywide Shared Services Initiative, it must be included as a project in the 2022 Tioga County Shared Services Plan that will be submitted by December 31, 2021.

This new shared service will be operationalized through the execution of a standard BOCES Cross Contract between Owego-Apalachin Central School District and Capital Region BOCES under the New York State Education Department approved CoSer 655, Service Code 665.000

This shared service is for a prescription drug plan and management under the project name of NYS Pharmacy Purchasing Coalition. This partnership with Capital Region BOCES is made possible by joining their Pharmacy Purchasing Coalition with a project start date effective January 1, 2022. This shared service is estimated to realize a savings of \$275,000.

The Pharmacy Purchasing Coalition link is referenced for additional information:

<https://www.capitalregionboces.org/programs-services/pharmacy-purchasing-coalition/>

As of this date, the County continues to work on finalizing the details of the 2022 Shared Services Plan with a certified savings for implementation of this plan effective January 1, 2022.

By my signature below, I hereby certify that this is the basis for a plan to identify savings for Tioga County, Broome County, and the Owego-Apalachin Central School District which are true and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Martha Sauerbrey". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping tail on the letter "y".

Martha C. Sauerbrey, Chair  
Tioga County Legislature

