§ 2825-b. Oneida county health care facility transformation program: Oneida county project. 1. An Oneida county health care facility transformation program is hereby established under the joint administration of the commissioner and the president of the dormitory authority of the state of New York for the purpose of strengthening and protecting continued access to health care services in communities. The program shall provide capital funding in support of projects located in the largest population center in Oneida county that consolidate multiple licensed health care facilities into an integrated system of care. The issuance of any bonds or notes hereunder shall be subject to the approval of the director of the division of the budget, and any projects funded through the issuance of bonds or notes hereunder shall be approved by the New York state public authorities control board, as required under section fifty-one of the public authorities law.

2. The commissioner and the president of the authority shall enter into an agreement, subject to approval by the director of the budget, and subject to section sixteen hundred eighty-r of the public authorities law, for the purposes of awarding, distributing, and administering the funds made available pursuant to this section. Such funds may be distributed by the commissioner and the president of the authority for capital grants to general hospitals for the purposes of consolidating multiple licensed health care facilities into an integrated system of care for capital non-operational works or purposes that support the purposes set forth in this section. A copy of such agreement, and any amendments thereto, shall be provided to the chair of the senate finance committee, the chair of the assembly ways and means committee, and the director of the division of budget no later than thirty days prior to the release of a request for applications for funding under this program. Projects awarded under section twenty-eight hundred twenty-five of this article shall not be eligible for grants or awards made available under this section.

3. Notwithstanding section one hundred sixty-three of the state finance law or any inconsistent provision of law to the contrary, up to three hundred million dollars of the funds appropriated for this program shall be awarded without a competitive bid or request for proposal

process for capital grants to health care providers (hereafter "applicants") located in the county of Oneida.

4. In determining awards for eligible applicants under this section, the commissioner and the president of the authority shall consider criteria including, but not limited to:

(a) the extent to which the proposed capital project will contribute to the integration of health care services and long term sustainability of the applicant or preservation of essential health services in the community or communities served by the applicant;

(b) the extent to which the proposed project or purpose is aligned with delivery system reform incentive payment ("DSRIP") program goals and objectives;

(c) the relationship between the proposed capital project and identified community need;

(d) the extent that the proposed capital project furthers the development of primary care and other outpatient services;

(e) the extent to which the proposed capital project benefits Medicaid enrollees and uninsured individuals;

(f) the extent to which the applicant has engaged the community affected by the proposed capital project and the manner in which community engagement has shaped such capital project; and

(g) the extent to which the proposed capital project addresses potential risk to patient safety and welfare.

5. The department shall provide a report on a quarterly basis to the chairs of the senate finance, assembly ways and means, senate health and assembly health committees. Such reports shall be submitted no later than sixty days after the close of the quarter, and shall conform to the reporting requirements of subdivision twenty of section twenty-eight hundred seven of this article, as applicable.