



It is a pleasure to offer our strong and enthusiastic support for RWJBarnabas Health and for the renewal of State-appropriated funds to RWJBarnabas Health (RWJBH) in the FY 2027 New Jersey State Budget. Access to high-quality healthcare should never be determined by income, zip code, or circumstance, and RWJBH has demonstrated a sustained commitment to ensuring that this principle is reflected in practice across New Jersey.

Metropolitan Family Health Network, Inc. (MFHN) has served as a trusted source of care in Hudson County since our incorporation in 2006. Each year, we provide comprehensive primary and preventive services—including adult and pediatric medical care, obstetrics and gynecology, dental services, integrated behavioral health, and access to low-cost medications through our 340B pharmacy program—to approximately 15,000 low income and underserved individuals across more than 40,000 visits at our two Hudson County locations. Our ability to meet the needs of this population is strengthened by state investments that allow health systems like RWJBH to partner meaningfully with community-based providers.

Our mission closely aligns with RWJBH's role as an anchor institution and its long-standing focus on addressing the barriers that contribute to poor health outcomes. Most recently, RWJBH's support for transportation services has been transformative for our patients. Access to Uber Health has expanded appointment adherence, improved continuity of care, and removed one of the most persistent obstacles faced by low-income and medically underserved individuals. In addition, the placement of a community health worker on site has enhanced our capacity to identify social drivers of health, connect patients to critical resources, and address unmet needs that fall outside the traditional clinical setting.

Over decades of collaboration, RWJBH has proven to be a reliable, mission-driven partner with the infrastructure, expertise, and flexibility needed to support effective community-based solutions. The continuation of State-appropriated funding to RWJBH is essential to sustaining these efforts. A reduction in funding would directly limit transportation access, reduce community health worker support, and weaken the collective ability of providers across the state to address health inequities at their root.

We are sincerely grateful for our partnership with RWJBarnabas Health and for their continued investment in the health and well-being of New Jersey's most vulnerable communities. We strongly urge continued State support for RWJBH and the vital role it plays in strengthening community-based care statewide.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "SC Carey", written over a circular stamp.

Scott Carey, Chief Operating Officer