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**TO:** The Honorable Members of the Board of Regents

**FROM:** William P. Murphy *William Murphy*

**SUBJECT:** The State University of New York (SUNY), Downstate Health Sciences University: Regents Authorization to award the Master of Health Administration (M.H.A.) degree

**DATE:** December 29, 2022

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#### **SUMMARY**

#### **Issue for Decision (Consent)**

Should the Board of Regents authorize SUNY Downstate Health Sciences University to award the Master of Health Administration (M.H.A.) degree?

#### **Reason(s) for Consideration**

Required by State statute and State regulation.

#### **Proposed Handling**

This issue will come before the Full Board for action at its January 2023 meeting.

#### **Procedural History**

On September 21, 2022, the SUNY Board of Trustees authorized SUNY Downstate Health Sciences University to offer the Master of Health Administration (M.H.A.) degree, subject to Regents approval. Regents authorization is required to award the M.H.A. degree. A master plan amendment is not required because the institution already offers master's level programs in the field of Health Professions.

#### **Background Information**

The proposed M.H.A. degree is to establish the Healthcare Administration program which will build on SUNY Downstate's existing registered programs in medicine, health sciences, and health professions including, but not limited to, the

Doctor of Public Health (D.P.H.), the Master of Public Health (M.P.H.), undergraduate and graduate programs in nursing, and the Bachelor of Science in Health Sciences.

The purpose of the proposed program in Healthcare Administration is to produce graduates enabled to respond to extraordinary challenges confronting the United States healthcare system and serve as the next generation of healthcare professionals. The proposed program is designed to equip students with the skills to identify and implement change management strategies and healthcare system innovations required to respond to these challenges including catalyzing improvement and systems innovation, optimizing organizational performance, and ensuring the financial vitality of healthcare organizations.

The curriculum will be offered in hybrid mode utilizing courses comprised of in-person, synchronous online, and asynchronous online components. The proposed program will leverage existing resources, including faculty, professional staff, library offerings, infrastructure, and technology services as well as commit new resources to support the needs of the program.

### **Related Regents Items**

Not applicable.

### **Recommendation**

It is recommended that the Board of Regents take the following action:

VOTED: That the Board of Regents authorize SUNY Downstate Health Sciences University to award the Master of Health Administration (M.H.A.) degree.

### **Timetable for Implementation**

If the Board of Regents authorizes the institution to award the Master of Health Administration (M.H.A.) degree, the Department will register the proposed program in Healthcare Administration at SUNY Downstate Health Sciences University.