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Hon. Andrew Joyce, Chairman  
Legislative Clerk's Office  
112 State St., Room 710  
Albany, NY 12207

Dear Chairman Joyce,

The Department of Social Services respectfully requests legislative approval for the following:

Authorization is requested to renew agreements with two providers of home establishment furnishings. Local Social Services districts are required to provide for the purchase of necessary and essential furniture, furnishings, equipment and supplies required for the establishment of a home for persons in need of public assistance when provision of such cannot otherwise be made.

The rule applies when an eligible household or member of such is relocating to permanent housing from an institution, residential program, or other temporary living situation or when an individual or family must be re-housed in unfurnished housing due to health and safety concerns involving their current accommodations.

Sincerely,

Michele G. McClave  
Commissioner

cc: Dennis A. Feeney, Majority Leader  
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