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Hon. Joanne Cunningham, Chairwoman
Albany County Legislature
112 State St., Room 710
Albany, NY 12207

Dear Chairwoman Cunningham:

The Department of Social Services respectfully requests legislative approval to add a new/third provider of home establishment furnishings. Two providers were previously approved via Resolution 727, adopted November 12, 2024. No RFP is required as Social Services contracts with all willing and able providers.

Local Social Services districts are required to provide for the purchase of essential furnishings, equipment, and supplies required to establish homes for individuals and families 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. Essential household item rates were established pursuant to part 352.7 of the Social Services Law and the regulations of the New York State Office Temporary Disabilities.

Sincerely,

Erin M. Stachewicz
Commissioner

cc: Dennis A. Feeney, Majority Leader
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