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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:

Approval is requested to contract with the New York State Industries for the Disabled (NYSID) for the provision of laundry services as an ancillary service under the Expanded In Home Services to the Elderly Program (EISEP). Currently EISEP funding is received through the Albany County Department for Aging via NYS funding and will, in part, be utilized to provide these ancillary laundry services. NYSID will subcontract with Plaza Linens to provide the laundry bags, pick up, delivery, cleaning and processing of laundry.

This expanded service will provide an opportunity for older adults and individuals with disabilities, who are not eligible for EISEP or Medicaid services, to make arrangements directly with Plaza Linens through a private pay option. This will delay or reduce their need to apply for governmental programs.

There are currently 194 EISEP cases of which 66 clients use Plaza Linens.

Sincerely,

Michele G. McClave
Commissioner

cc: Dennis A. Feeney, Majority Leader
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