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

Dear Chairwoman Cunningham:

Enclosed is our Request for Legislative Action from the Department for Children, Youth and Families for permission to contract with Behavioral Health Services North, Inc. for the provision of foster care services.

The requested contract is for the term of January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026 for rates at no more than the Maximum State Aid Rate (MSAR) as mandated by New York State.

The Department respectfully requests consideration in this matter. If you have any questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me directly at 447-2014.

Sincerely,

Moir Manning, LCSW-R  
Commissioner

cc: Dennis Feeney, Majority Leader  
Frank Mauriello, Minority Leader  
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