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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 enter into agreements with NYS-approved providers of Expanded In-Home Services to the Elderly Program (EISEP) services. EISEP home care services are provided to eligible seniors to enable them to remain safely and healthily in their own homes, thus precluding or delaying more costly nursing home care.

EISEP consumers (or their designated representatives) have the option to choose services via traditional home care or through consumer directed in-home services for which consumers are responsible for interviewing, selecting, scheduling, training, supervising and dismissing their selected in-home aides.

Under the Consumer Directed Personal Assistance Program (CDPAP), NYS-approved providers will act as fiscal intermediary and paymaster of record for home aides delivering in-home services to EISEP clients. The providers will deliver or arrange for local assistance, quality assurance, and will facilitate peer support for eligible recipients electing to utilize the CDPAP option.

Approximately 61 clients are currently being served under the EISEP Program.

Sincerely,

Erin M. Stachewicz
Commissioner

cc: Dennis A. Feeney, Majority Leader
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