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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 enter into agreements with NYS approved providers for Expanded In Home Services to the Elderly Program (EISEP) and Title XX services. EISEP and Title XX home care services are provided to eligible persons to allow them to remain in their own home, thus precluding or delaying more costly nursing home care.

EISEP consumers have the option to choose to receive services under traditional home care or through consumer direction. Consumers or their representatives who receive services under the consumer directed in-home services model will have the responsibility for interviewing, selecting, scheduling, training, supervising and dismissing the in-home services worker.

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 as well as facilitate peer support for eligible recipients electing to utilize the CDPAP option.

194 clients are currently being served under the EISEP Program.

Sincerely,

Michele G. McClave
Commissioner

cc: Dennis A. Feeney, Majority Leader
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