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Hon. Joanne Cunningham, Chairwoman
Albany County Legislature
112 State St., Room 710
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Dear Chairwoman Cunningham:

Local Social Services districts are required to provide for the purchase of necessary and essential furnishings, equipment and supplies required for establishing 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.

Therefore, the Department of Social Services respectfully requests legislative approval to renew contracts with two providers of home establishment furnishings for \$200,000.

Sincerely,

Erin M. Stachewicz
Acting Commissioner

cc: Dennis A. Feeney, Majority Leader
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