

## Justification

Approval is requested to enter into agreements with twelve 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. Eligibility requirements are as follows:

- Individuals who are at least 60 years old and:
- In need of assistance with an Activity of Daily Living or two Instrumental Activities of Daily Living;
- Able to be maintained safely at home; and
- Not be eligible for the same services under Medicaid.

Eligibility requirements for consumer directed EISEP include those provided above, as well as:

- Be capable of making choices regarding their In-home services;
- Be capable of hiring, training, and supervising the in-home services worker; and
- Understand the impact of their choices, and assume responsibility for the results of these choices, or delegate authority to another who is capable of these tasks.

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.

Albany County Department of Social Services (DSS) contracts with all interested & qualified agencies to provide EISEP and/or Title XX services, thus there is no RFP. The provider will be paid the higher of the New York State Department of Health established rates allowed for each level of service provision for each provider or the County negotiated rate.

EISEP services are provided to patients in the community under a NYS Office for the Aging Grant. 170 clients are currently being served under the EISEP Program.