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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 renew a Memo of Understanding between the Albany County Departments of Mental Health and Social Services (DSS) in order for the Central Management Unit of the Albany County Department of Mental Health to provide assessment and referral services for DSS applicants and recipients with possible substance abuse issues. These assessments are mandated under the Welfare Reform Act of 1997 to be provided to Safety Net and TANF applicants/recipients.

This agreement provides reimbursement for two fulltime Mental Health Certified Alcohol Substance Abuse Counselor positions. The requested amount represents the salary, fringe, supervision and projected lab costs associated with supporting this proposed agreement.

Sincerely,

Michele G. McClave
Commissioner

cc: Dennis A. Feeney, Majority Leader
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