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Chairman Andrew Joyce
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:

As authorized by Resolution #482 of 2005, the County has entered into an MOU with the NYS Department of Health and the NYS Office-Medicaid Inspector General (OMIG) regarding fraud, waste and abuse control activities.

We are requesting to renew a contract with Meyers and Stauffer to assist the County in conducting audits of providers to determine if waste, fraud or abuse has occurred and to determine the amount of any overpayments to be repaid. This request represents the first option year.

During the initial contract year and in preparation for the transition, Meyers & Stauffer obtained a Data Exchange Agreement with OMIG, the NYS Medicaid Data-Warehouse and Albany County Department of Social Services. Additionally, Meyers & Stauffer has established virtual private networks (VPNs) with the OMIG, the NYS Medicaid Data-Warehouse and Albany County Department of Social Services.

We anticipate that OMIG will be providing Meyers & Stauffer with audit protocol training sometime in the near future pending COVID-19 protocols.

Sincerely,

Michele G. McClave
Commissioner

cc: Dennis A. Feeney, Majority Leader
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