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DATE: December 1, 2011

TO: Board of Acquisition and Contract

FROM: Kevin M. McGuire
Commissioner, Department of Social Services

SUBJECT: Authority to enter into an Agreement with Medical Answering Services, LLC for the reimbursement of Non-emergency Medicaid Transportation to Westchester County Medicaid Recipients through the New York State Contract Award Number C027328, from September 1, 2011 through August 31, 2012 with the County having the option at its sole discretion to extend the agreement for four (4) additional one (1) year terms, in an amount not to exceed \$25,000

Pursuant to Section 104 of the New York General Municipal Law, the County is able to obtain services directly through the New York State Office of General Services as an alternative to publicly bidding. In 2010 New York Section 365-h of the Social Services Law was amended and authorized the New York State Commissioner of Health to contract for the management of Medicaid transportation services. The provision of these services had previously been delegated only to local departments of social services.

With the award of Contract Number C027328 by New York State to Medical Answering Services, LLC (“MAS”), the State has implemented this new program aimed at cost savings, and has transferred management and coordination of non-emergency medical transportation for Westchester Medicaid fee-for-service enrollees from the Westchester Department of Social Services to MAS. The State requires that the County enter into a separate contract with MAS in order that the County reimburse MAS the authorized public/private transportation costs for Medicaid enrollees. This reimbursement may also include other personal expenses related to travel out

of area and in accordance with the New York Code of Rules and Regulations. See 18 NYCRR 579.10.

Authority is therefore sought to enter into an agreement with MAS for the reimbursement of non-emergency Medicaid transportation to Medicaid recipients through New York State Contract Number C027328 for the term September 1, 2011 through August 31, 2012 with the County having the option at its sole discretion to extend the agreement for four (4) additional one (1) year terms, in an amount not to exceed \$25,000. The rates to be paid by the County are determined pursuant to New York State Rules and Regulations, and will ultimately be reimbursed by the State of New York making this agreement no cost to the County.

I recommend approval of the attached proposed resolution.

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APPROVED BOARD OF ACQUISITION & CONTRACT - 12/29/2011
SECRETARY

RESOLUTION

Upon a communication from the Commissioner of Social Services, be it hereby

RESOLVED, that the County is hereby authorized to enter into an Agreement with Medical Answering Services, LLC (“MAS”), for the reimbursement of non-emergency Medicaid transportation to Medicaid recipients pursuant to New York State Contract Number C027328 for the term commencing September 1, 2011 and terminating August 31, 2012 in an amount not to exceed \$25,000; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County, at its sole option, may extend the term of the Agreement for up to four (4) additional one (1) year periods on the same terms and conditions; at such rates determined pursuant to New York State Rules and Regulations. Any such extension shall be subject to this Board's approval; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Agreement is subject to County Appropriations; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this Agreement is also subject to further financial analysis of the impact of any New York State Budget (the “State Budget”) proposed and adopted during the term of this Agreement. The County shall retain the right, upon the occurrence of any release by the Governor of a proposed State Budget and/or the adoption of a State Budget or any amendments thereto, and for a reasonable time after such release(s) or adoption(s), to conduct an analysis of the impacts of any such State Budget on County finances. After such analysis, the County shall retain the right either to terminate this Agreement or to renegotiate the amounts and rates approved herein. If the County subsequently offers to pay a reduced amount to the Contractor, then the Contractor shall have the right to terminate this Agreement upon reasonable prior written notice; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Executive or his duly authorized designee is authorized to execute any instruments and to take any actions reasonably necessary to implement this Resolution.

Account to be
Charged

	Fund	Dept	Major Program, Program & Phase Or Unit	Object/ Sub- Object	Trust Account	Dollars
2011	101	22	8900	5650	-----	\$ 2,000
2012	101	22	8900	5650	-----	\$23,000

Budget Funding Year(s): 2011-12 Start Date: 09/01/11 End Date: 08/31/12
(must match resolution)

Funding Source

\$25,000
(must match resolution)

Tax Dollars:

State Aid: 50%

Federal Aid: 50%

Other: _____

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