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DATE: September 12, 2018

TO: Honorable Board of Acquisition and Contract

FROM: Mae Carpenter, Commissioner
Commissioner of Senior Programs and Services

RE: Request for authority for the County of Westchester to amend a resolution to provide Expanded In-Home Services for the Elderly Program (EISEP) in order to change the hourly rate of pay for Lifting Up Westchester, Inc. from the Medicaid Rate of \$21.94/hour to \$23.00/hour for the period of April 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018 and from the Medicaid Rate of \$23.00/hour to \$24.25/hour for the period of January 1, 2019 through March 31, 2019.

By resolution approved on June 14, 2018 (the "June 14th Resolution"), your Honorable Board authorized the County of Westchester (the "County"), acting by and through its Department of Senior Programs and Services (the "Department"), to enter into agreements with the agencies listed in Schedule "A," attached to the June 14th Resolution, for the purpose of providing consumer directed in-home services, and homemaker and housekeeping services to frail, homebound seniors under EISEP (the "Program") for the period of April 1, 2018 through March 31, 2019 at the Medicaid reimbursement rate. One such agency listed in Schedule "A" was Lifting Up Westchester Inc. (the Contractor).

The Contractor has notified the County that it is unable to provide the EISEP services at the Medicaid reimbursement rate due, in part, to the fact that the minimum wage rate in New York State will be increasing starting January 1, 2019.

Losing the Contractor as a service provider would impact services to some seniors because the Contractor is the only one with aides who can provide services in certain areas of Eastchester. For this reason, the Department wants to ensure that these seniors continue to receive the EISEP services that they rely on as part of the overall program to try to assist seniors to stay in their home versus having to pay for them in skilled nursing homes.

Paying a negotiated rate to the home care providers versus being at or below the Medicaid rate for the EISEP services is authorized by the New York State Office for the Aging

pursuant to Program Instruction, Number 15-PI-19, dated October 22, 2015. Therefore, the Department wishes to amend the June 14th Resolution to authorize the negotiated hourly rates of \$23.00 for the period April 1, 2018 to December 31, 2018 and \$24.25/hour for the period January 1, 2019 to March 31, 2019.

The County has not entered into the Agreement with the Contractor that was authorized through the June 14th Resolution.

Except as specifically amended hereby, all other terms and conditions set forth in the June 14th Resolution shall remain the same.

Accordingly, approval of the attached resolution is most respectfully requested.

MC/RAN/scj

APPROVED BOARD OF ACQUISITION & CONTRACT - 10/11/2018 - USA MR/IAJ, SECRETARY

RESOLUTION

Upon a communication from Mae Carpenter, Commissioner of Senior Programs and Services, be it hereby:

RESOLVED, that the resolution approved on June 14, 2018 (the “June 14th Resolution”) which authorized the County, acting by and through its Department of Senior Programs and Services (the “Department”), to enter into an agreement with Lifting Up Westchester, Inc. (the “Contractor”) for the purpose of providing consumer directed in-home services, and homemaker and housekeeper services to frail, homebound seniors under the Expanded In-Home Services for the Elderly Program (the “Program”) is hereby amended to change the hourly rate of pay from the Medicaid Rate of \$21.94/hour to \$23.00/hour for the period April 1, 2018 through March 31, 2019 and from the Medicaid Rate of \$23.00/hour to \$24.25/hour for the period January 1, 2019 to March 31, 2019, and be it further

RESOLVED, that except as specifically amended hereby, all remaining terms and conditions set forth in the June 14th Resolution shall remain unchanged; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Executive or his duly authorized designee is hereby authorized and empowered to execute any and all documents and take all actions necessary to effect the purpose of this resolution.

Account to be Charged/Credited

Fund	Dept	Major Program, Program & Phase Or Unit	Object/ Sub-Object	Trust Account	Dollars
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Budget Funding Year(s) _____ Start Date: April 1, 2018 End Date: March 31, 2019
 (must match resolution)

Funding Source Tax Dollars N/A

State Aid N/A

\$ _____ Federal Aid N/A

(must match resolution) Other _____