

SUSPENSION



COUNTY OF ERIE

MARK C. POLONCARZ

COUNTY EXECUTIVE

March 20, 2015

Erie County Legislature
92 Franklin Street, 4th Floor
Buffalo, New York 14202

IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION REQUESTED

Re: Authorization to contract for home care services

Dear Honorable Members:

The attached resolution requests authorization for the Department of Senior Services to contract with six additional home care agencies to provide home care services to eligible seniors, under the Expanded In-Home Services for the Elderly Program (EISEP) and Elder Caregiver Support (III-E) grants for the period April 1, 2015 through March 31, 2016.

Should your Honorable Body require any further information, I encourage you to contact Commissioner Randy Hoak in the Department of Senior Services. Thank you for your consideration on this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark C. Poloncarz", written over a horizontal line.

Mark C. Poloncarz, Esq.
Erie County Executive

cc: Randall Hoak, Commissioner, Department of Senior Services

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MEMORANDUM

To: Honorable Members of the Erie County Legislature
From: Senior Services
Re: Authorization to contract for home care services
Date: March 20, 2015

SUMMARY

Approve the attached resolution to authorize the Department of Senior Services to enter into contracts with Angels at Heart Senior Care, LLC., Home Assist Senior Care, Inc., SLK Caregivers, Inc. d/b/a Comfort Keepers, Benton Property Management Co., LLC, Compass Home Services, LLC. d/b/a Homewatch Caregivers, and FirstLight Home Care an assumed name of Ciambella Home Care, Inc. to provide home care services to eligible seniors, under the Expanded In-Home Services for the Elderly Program (EISEP) and Elder Caregiver Support (III-E) grants for the period April 1, 2015 through March 31, 2016.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

No additional County funds are required. The Department's 163EISEP1516 and 163III-E2015 grants, in account 516026, have available aggregate home care Services appropriations.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

The eight home care agencies the Department of Senior Services already contracts with are not always able to meet the demand for services, particularly PCA-1 home care services. These six additional agencies can provide home care services to underserved areas.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Home care PCA-1 services provide assistance with daily tasks including personal care and housekeeping for frail elderly clients.

CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION

The Department of Senior Services will not be able to meet the need for these services for the benefit of seniors in Erie County.

STEPS FOLLOWING APPROVAL

The Department of Senior Services will process the contracts and take the steps necessary to continue these services.

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A RESOLUTION SUBMITTED BY: DEPARTMENT OF SENIOR SERVICES

RE: Authorization to contract for home care services

WHEREAS, the Department of Senior Services' Expanded In-Home Services for the Elderly Program (163EISEP1516) and Elder Caregiver Support (163III-E2015) grants have available home care services appropriations for the period April 1, 2015 through March 31, 2016; and

WHEREAS, the eight home care agencies the Department of Senior Services currently contracts with, are not always able to meet the demands for services, particularly PCA-1 home care services; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Senior Services has identified six additional home care agencies that are willing and capable to provide services to seniors residing throughout the county under the Department's home care services programs; and

WHEREAS, the Department desires to contract with Angels at Heart Senior Care, LLC., Home Assist Senior Care Inc., SLK Caregivers, Inc., Benton Property Management Co., LLC., Compass Home Services, LLC. d/b/a Homewatch Caregivers, and FirstLight Home Care an assumed name of Ciambella Home Care, Inc. to provide home care services, especially PCA-1 home care services, under the Department's home care services programs for the period April 1, 2015 to March 31, 2016.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the County Executive be and is hereby authorized to enter into contracts with Angels at Heart Senior Care, LLC., Home Assist Senior Care, Inc., SLK Caregivers Inc., Compass Home Services, LLC. d/b/a Homewatch Caregivers, Benton Property Management Co., LLC, and FirstLight Home Care an assumed name of Ciambella Home Care, Inc. to provide III-E and EISEP funded home care services to individuals referred by the Department of Senior Services' case management staff at an hourly rate not to exceed \$20 per hour for the period April 1, 2015 through March 31, 2016; and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be forwarded to the County Executive's Office, the Division of Budget and Management, the Comptroller's Office, the Departments of Law and Senior Services.