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David A. Paterson
Governor

May 19, 2010

Mr. Robert Doar
Commissioner
NYC Human Resources Administration
180 Water Street
New York, New York 10038

Mr. Seth Diamond
Commissioner
NYC Department of Homeless Services
33 Beaver Street, 14th floor
New York, New York 10004

Dear Commissioners Doar and Diamond:

This is in response to your recent request to amend the Advantage NY program to more specifically provide rent supplements to families that are employed or have stable income and to require greater client contribution towards the cost of rent. Your final proposal dated May 13, 2010 (attached) has satisfactorily addressed all OTDA concerns and we find your proposed plan to be in compliance with State Law and OTDA regulation 18 NYCRR 352.3(a)(3). Therefore, I am approving your request to amend the Advantage NY program.

Your proposal indicates an August 1, 2010 implementation date for these changes. You may continue to operate the current Advantage NY program until the full implementation of these changes is complete.

I look forward to seeing the results from this program. If you have any questions regarding this approval, please contact Russell Sykes at (518) 474-9222 or Jeffrey Gaskell at (518) 486-7694.

Sincerely,

/s/ERB 5-19-10

Elizabeth R. Berlin
Executive Deputy Commissioner

Attachment

cc: Kristin Proud, Deputy Secretary