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Mr. John F. Buyce
Office of the State Comptroller
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Albany, NY 12236-0001

Re: 90 Update on OSC Report 2015-S-24

Dear Mr. Buyce:

With regard to Office of the State Comptroller's (OSC) audit report 2015-S-24 entitled "Contracted Programs With Puerto Rican Organization to Motivate, Enlighten and Serve Addicts, Inc. (PROMESA)" the NYS Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services (OASAS), in compliance with Section 170 of the Executive Law, provides the following update on steps that have been taken to implement the audit recommendations.

Due to prior staffing commitments, and the desire to assign more experienced staff to this detailed fiscal analysis, OASAS has not yet been able to begin the on-site review of PROMESA necessary to follow up on the recommendations contained in the OSC audit report. In keeping with OASAS' long-standing plan to commence field work at PROMESA in the fall of 2016, contact has been made with the provider and plans made to obtain and review financial information during the month of October and for on-site work to commence at PROMESA the week of November 14, 2016.

OASAS is committed to following up on all OSC recommendations and to obtain restitution for all non-allowable expenses claimed by PROMESA.

Very truly yours,

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