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State of Pennsylvania grants DHS Full License

Philadelphia—The Department of Human Services (DHS) is pleased to announce that it has earned a full license for the first time since July of 2007. The Department of Public Welfare (DPW) notified DHS of its status on Thursday, January 22nd, 2009. This is extremely positive news for the agency; proving that the reform effort is indeed in full swing and clearly capable of bringing about positive change. “We definitely have our work cut out for us and many improvements to make,” said Commissioner Anne Marie Ambrose. “But I’ve urged my staff and stakeholders to think of this as the first of many milestones that DHS is capable of achieving when we remain focused and determined,” she continued, “this accomplishment serves as an affirmation of the transformation that is underway at DHS.”

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The Philadelphia Department of Human Services is the City agency charged with protecting children from abuse, neglect, and delinquency; ensuring their safety and permanency in nurturing home environments; and strengthening and preserving families by enhancing community-based prevention services. In partnership with community organizations, DHS provides services to strengthen the overall well being of Philadelphia children, youth, and families using a customer focused approach that is responsive to evolving community needs.