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Statement by Commissioner Edwin Méndez-Santiago on Senior Options, the Bronx Meals on Wheels pilot program

New York City—February 1, 2005—“ Contrary to reports in the media after the release of the Mayor’s preliminary budget, Senior Options, the Bronx meals on wheels pilot program, will not be expanded citywide in the next fiscal year. While the program has successfully eliminated waiting lists in the Bronx while delivering flexibility and expanded menu choices to New York City seniors, the City Department for the Aging committed to an evaluation of the program that will take place over the coming months. The results of the evaluation will determine the future course of the program.”

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