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## Local Commissioners Memorandum

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<b>To:</b>	Local District Commissioners
<b>Issuing Division/Office:</b>	Administration
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<b>Subject:</b>	Rest-of-State Domestic Violence State Aid Rates for January 1, 2003 through December 31, 2003
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<b>Attachments:</b>	A – 2003 Domestic Violence Flat Per Diem Rates B – Key to Agency Specific Rate Chart C – Agency Specific Rate Chart of 2003 DVSARs
<b>Attachments Available On – Line:</b>	The Rate Charts, as well as the LCM, are available on the Rate Setting page of the OCFS Intranet Site, which can be accessed by clicking on the link below. Rate Charts are updated, as needed.  <i>Link to Intranet Site:</i> <a href="#">Rate Setting Information</a>

### I. Purpose

The purpose of this Local Commissioners Memorandum (LCM) is to issue the 2003 Domestic Violence State Aid Rates (DVSARs) for licensed Domestic Violence (DV) residential programs in the Rest-of-State counties outside New York City. These DVSARs are for the period January 1, 2003 to December 31, 2003. A separate memorandum is issued for licensed DV residential programs in New York City.

## II. Background

Annually, the Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS) issues DVSARs to local social services districts advising them of the methodology approved by the Division of the Budget for the purchase of services from licensed residential DV agencies. Rates contained in these documents must be used by local social services districts in the contracts they negotiate with voluntary agency providers of DV services. Issuance of these rates is governed by Social Services Law §131-u and the applicable regulation at 18 NYCRR Part 408.

## III. Program Implications

The DVSARs that are promulgated in this LCM have been calculated using the approved 2003 DV rate methodology for residential programs in the Rest-of-State counties outside New York City. Local social services districts are required to pay these rates to licensed DV residential agencies providing residential care to eligible victims of Domestic Violence for the period January 1, 2003 to December 31, 2003.

The approved rate methodology for licensed residential DV programs includes the following features:

- DV per diem rates established by local social services districts prior to the implementation of the current DV rate methodology continue to be grandfathered-in where those rates are higher than the applicable DV Flat Per Diem Rate. Affected programs will continue to receive the higher of either the grandfathered-in rate or the DV Flat Per Diem Rate as the basis for determining the current DVSARs for those programs.
- Programs that reported surpluses from government income in the base year will have DVSARs that reflect a rate reduction equal to the amount of the surplus. Based on the approved DV rate methodology, surpluses are defined as total government revenue in excess of total allowable spending, as reported by the agency for each DV residential program.
- The Food Add-On component of the DVSARs continues to be a negotiated item between the DV residential agency and the local social services district where the program is located. The Food Add-On is included in DVSARs when local social services districts formally request it in writing to OCFS. Thereafter, the Food Add-On is included as part of the DVSAR for the specified program until OCFS is otherwise notified.
- Requests to exceed the DV Flat Per Diem Rates are not allowed, barring the exception mentioned above for grandfathered-in rates that continue to be higher than the DV Flat Per Diem Rates. OCFS will consider other revisions to the DVSAR for the following reasons: (1) when the Food Add-On needs to be either

added or deleted from the DVSAR; (2) when a program's base-year surplus was incorrectly calculated or applied to the DVSAR; or (3) when the DVSAR reflects an incorrect DV Flat Rate Per Diem. **Agencies have thirty (30) days from the issuance of a DVSAR to appeal the published rate. All appeals must be in writing and sent to: Mr. Richard Lasky, Chief Rate Analyst, Office of Children and Family Services, 52 Washington Street, South Building, Room 314, Rensselaer, NY 12144.**

#### IV. Other

Copies of this information should be shared with Economic Security and Services Staff.

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## ATTACHMENT A

NEW YORK STATE OFFICE OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES  
STATE AID RATES FOR RESIDENTIAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PROGRAMS

REST OF STATE\*  
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE RESIDENTIAL PROGRAMS  
2003 FLAT PER DIEM RATES

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2003 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2003

DV Program Type	20 Beds or Less	21 Beds or More	Food Add-On
Programs/Shelters	\$82.32	\$68.11	\$4.56
Safe Dwellings	\$64.45	N/A	\$6.49
Safe Homes	\$28.74	N/A	\$6.49

\* Rest of State includes all Domestic Violence Programs outside of New York City

ATTACHMENT B

NEW YORK STATE OFFICE OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES  
STATE AID RATES FOR RESIDENTIAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PROGRAMS

**K E Y - Agency Specific Rate Chart**

The following codes may appear in the columns that specify the rates for each program:

UR - Under Review

NR - Fiscal Reports Not Received

POC - Pending issuance of an operating certificate. No one can be placed in this program until an operating certificate has been issued by OCFS.

CODE: The column for Code has a 5-digit number associated with the specific facility. The first number identifies the Regional Office responsible for oversight; the second identifies the facility type; the third and fourth numbers represent a number for the agency; and the last number is used to distinguish between multiple facilities of the same type.

- New York City Regional Office = 1
- Albany Regional Office = 2
- Syracuse Regional Office = 3
- Rochester Regional Office = 4
- Buffalo Regional Office = 5
- Yonkers Regional Office = 6

- Program/Shelter = 1
- Safe Dwelling = 2
- Safe Home = 3

FI: The column for FI is an indicator as to whether the DVSAR includes a Food Add-On Rate. An F in that column indicates that a Food Add-On is included in the DVSAR.

## ATTACHMENT C

New York State Office of Children and Family Services  
 Division of Administration  
 State Aid Rates for Residential Domestic Violence Programs  
 Rest of State  
 January 1, 2003 – December 31, 2003

AGENCY	CODE	PROGRAM OR SHELTER	F I	SAFE DWELLING	F I	SAFE HOME	F I
Accord Corporation	52011			\$64.45			
Accord Corporation	53011					\$28.74	
Alternatives for Battered Women	41021	\$72.67	F				
Brighter Tomorrows	61041	\$86.08	F				
C.A.C.H.E.	62601			\$64.45			
Catholic Charities of Montgomery County	22491			\$51.76	F		
Catholic Charities of Saratoga Warren & Wash.	22061			\$70.94	F		
Catholic Family and Community Serv. Herkimer	32051			\$69.32	F		
Cattaraugus Community Action	52071			\$64.20			
Cayuga/Seneca Community Action Agency	32081			\$64.45			
Chances and Changes	41091	\$86.88	F				

Chenango County Catholic Charities- DVAC	32101				\$70.94	F		
Chenango County Catholic Charities- DVAC	33101						\$28.74	
Child and Family Services of Buffalo-Haven House	51111		\$66.01					
Child and Family Services of Buffalo-Haven House	53111						\$35.23	F
Community Action of Franklin Co. (Comlinks)	22151				\$70.94	F		
Community Action of Franklin Co. (Comlinks)	23151						\$28.74	
Community Action of Greene Co. - Columbia - B	21242		\$82.52	F				
Community Action of Greene Co. - Greene - A	21241		\$86.88	F				
Community Services for the Dev. Disabled	52141				\$105.00			
Delaware Opportunities	22161				\$64.45			
Domestic Violence Services of Saratoga Co.	22421				\$70.94	F		
Equinox	21171		\$86.54	F				

Family & Children's Services of Niagara	52181				\$57.64	F			
Family and Community Services of Schoharie	22191				\$70.94	F			
Family Counseling Center of Fulton	22201				\$65.82	F			
Family Counseling Services of the Finger Lakes	43211							\$28.74	
Family of Woodstock	61221		\$86.88	F					
Grace Smith House - Northeast	61231		\$86.88	F					
Grace Smith House - Poughkeepsie	61232		\$86.88	F					
Lewis County Opportunities	32261				\$64.45				
Liberty Resources	32341				\$59.57				
My Sister's Place- Mamaroneck	61562		\$80.31						
My Sister's Place- Yonkers	61561		\$82.32						
Nassau County Coalition Against DV	61281		\$86.88	F					
New Hope Center	32481				\$64.45				
New Hope Center	33481							\$28.21	

Northern Westchester Shelter	61291		\$86.88	F				
Opportunities For Otsego	22301				\$70.94	F		
Orange County Safe Homes	61311		\$82.32					
Orange County Safe Homes	63311						\$28.74	
Oswego County Opportunities	31331		\$86.88	F				
Putnam Northern Westchester	61351		\$86.88	F				
Retreat	61431		\$86.88	F				
Rockland Family Shelter	61361		\$86.88	F				
Rural Opportunities	42981				\$70.94	F		
Salvation Army of Elmira	41371		\$86.88	F				
Salvation Army of Jamestown	51381		\$75.24					
SOS Shelter	31391		\$78.96	F				
St.Lawrence Valley Renewal House	32401				\$56.84			
St.Lawrence Valley Renewal House	33401						\$28.74	
Steuben Churchpeople Against Poverty	41411		\$86.88	F				

STOP Domestic Violence/BHSN	22131				\$64.45				
Suffolk Co. Coalition Against DV	61271		\$86.88	F					
Tompkins County Task Force for Battered Women	32441				\$70.94	F			
Tompkins County Task Force for Battered Women	33441							\$28.74	
Unity House	21461		\$86.88	F					
Vera House	31471		\$86.88	F					
Vera House	32471				\$70.94	F			
Victims Assistance Center of Jefferson Cty	31251		\$86.88	F					
Victims Resource Center of the Finger Lakes	42821				\$64.45				
Wyoming Community Action	43831							\$35.23	F
Wyoming Community Action	42831				\$70.94	F			
YWCA of Cortland	32501				\$57.29				
YWCA of Dutchess County	63511							\$28.74	
YWCA of Genesee County	52521				\$70.94	F			
YWCA of Niagara	52531				\$70.94	F			

YWCA of Schenectady	21541		\$86.88	F					
YWCA of the Mohawk Valley	21551		\$86.88	F					
YWCA of the Mohawk Valley	22551					\$70.94	F		