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To:	Local District Commissioners
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Subject:	Rest-of-State Domestic Violence State Aid Rates for January 1, 2002 through December 31, 2002
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Attachments:	A – 2002 Domestic Violence Flat Per Diem Rates B – Key to Agency Specific Rate Chart C – Agency Specific Rate Chart of 2002 DVSARs
Attachment Available On – Line:	Attachments A through C are available on-line through Microsoft Outlook or Exchange in the following folders: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- “Public Folders”- “All Public Folders”- “Statewide”- “OCFS”- “Rate Setting”- “DV – Rate Letters & Rates”

I. Purpose

The purpose of this Local Commissioners Memorandum (LCM) is to issue the 2002 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, 2002 to December 31, 2002. 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 Domestic Violence State Aid Rates to local social services districts advising them of the methodology approved by the Division of 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 Department Regulation 18 NYCRR Part 408.

III. Program Implications

The Domestic Violence State Aid Rates that are promulgated in this LCM have been calculated using the approved DV rate methodology for 2002. Local social services districts are required to pay these rates to licensed DV residential agencies providing residential care to eligible victims of DV for the period January 1, 2002 to December 31, 2002.

The 2002 Domestic Violence rate methodology for licensed residential DV programs includes the following features:

- The 2002 Domestic Violence Flat Per Diem Rates reflect the following cost-of-living adjustments (COLA): A 3.5 percent COLA was applied to the personal service components; a 3.5 percent COLA was applied to the non-personal service components; and a 3.0 percent COLA was applied to the Food Add-On component of the Domestic Violence Flat Per Diem Rates.
- Domestic Violence Flat Per Diem Rates are based upon the regulatory requirements contained in 18 NYCRR 408 and are designed to promote the fiscal stability of DV residential programs.
- Domestic Violence 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 DVSAR.
- Programs that reported surpluses from government income in the base year will have Domestic Violence State Aid Rates that reflect a rate reduction equal to the amount of the surplus. Based on the approved DV 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 Domestic Violence State Aid Rates 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 Domestic Violence State Aid Rates 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 Domestic Violence State Aid Rate for the following reasons: (1) when the Food Add-On rate needs to be either in or out of 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 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
2002 FLAT PER DIEM RATES

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2002 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2002

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

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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:

- 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.

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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, Inc.	41021	\$72.67	F				
Brighter Tomorrows, Inc.	61041	\$86.88	F				
C.A.C.H.E.	62601			\$64.45			
Catholic Charities of Montgomery County	22491			\$57.28	F		
Catholic Charities of Saratoga Warren & Washington	22061			\$70.94	F		
Catholic Family and Community Services Herkimer	32051			\$70.94	F		
Cattaraugus Community Action, Inc.	52071			\$64.45			
Cayuga/Seneca Community Action Agency	32081			\$64.45			
Chances and Changes, Inc.	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	\$68.11					

Note: When an "F" appears in the "FI" (FOOD INDICATOR) column it indicates that a Food Add-On was included in the rate.

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Child and Family Services of Buffalo-Haven House	53111					\$35.23	F
Clinton County Mental Health Association	22131			\$64.45			
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	21242	\$86.88	F				
Community Action of Greene Co. – Greene	21241	\$86.88	F				
Community Svcs for the Dev. Disabled	52141			\$105.00			
Delaware Opportunities, Inc.	22161			\$64.45			
Domestic Violence Services, Inc. (Saratoga Co.)	22421			\$70.94	F		
Equinox, Inc.	21171	\$86.52	F				
Family & Children's Services of Niagara	52181			\$68.90	F		
Family and Community Services of Schoharie	22191			\$70.94	F		

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Family Counseling Center, Inc. Gloversville	22201			\$69.20	F		
Family Counseling Services of The Finger Lakes	43211					\$28.74	
Family of Woodstock	61221	\$86.88	F				
Grace Smith House, Inc.	61231	\$86.88	F				
Jefferson County Women's Center, Inc.	31251	\$86.88	F				
Lewis County Opportunities, Inc.	32261			\$64.45			
Liberty Resources, Inc.	32341			\$64.45			
My Sisters' Place-Yonkers	61561	\$82.32					
My Sisters' Place-Mamaroneck	61562	\$78.53					
Nassau County Coalition Against Domestic Viol.	61281	\$86.88	F				
New Hope Center, Inc.	32481			\$64.45			
New Hope Center, Inc.	33481					\$28.74	
Northern Westchester Shelter, Inc.	61291	\$86.88	F				
Opportunities For Otsego, Inc.	22301			\$70.94	F		

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Orange County Safe Homes Project, Inc.	61311	\$82.32					
Orange County Safe Homes Project, Inc.	63311					\$28.74	
Oswego County Opportunities, Inc.	31331	\$84.63	F				
Putnam Northern Westchester Women's Resource	61351	\$86.88	F				
Retreat, Inc.	61431	\$86.88	F				
Rockland Family Shelter	61361	\$86.88	F				
Rural Opportunities	42981			\$70.94	F		
Salvation Army of Elmira	41371	\$82.32					
Salvation Army of Jamestown	51381	\$79.03					
SOS Shelter, Inc.	31391	\$86.88	F				
St.Lawrence Valley Renewal House	32401			\$64.45			
St.Lawrence Valley Renewal House	33401					\$28.74	
Steuben Churchpeople Against Poverty	41411	\$86.88	F				
Suffolk Co. Coalition Against DV (L.I. Coalition)	61271	\$86.88	F				

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AGENCY	CODE	PROGRAM OR SHELTER	F I	SAFE DWELLING	F I	SAFE HOME	F I
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, Inc.	31471	\$86.88	F				
Vera House, Inc.	32471			\$70.94	F		
Victims Resource Center of Wayne County, Inc.	42821			\$60.36			
Wyoming Community Action	43831					\$35.23	F
Wyoming Community Action	42831			\$70.94	F		
YWCA of Cortland	32501			\$64.45			
YWCA of Dutchess County	63511					\$28.74	
YWCA of Genesee County, Inc.	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		

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