

July 5, 2011

New York State
Office of
Children &
Family
Services

Mr. David Kircher, Acting Commissioner
Albany County Department of Social Services
162 Washington Avenue
Albany, NY 12210

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Dear Commissioner Kircher:

Andrew M. Cuomo
Governor

This letter is to inform you that the child care section found in the administrative component of your Child and Family Services Plan, 2011 Annual Plan Update was approved on July 5, 2011. The child care section became effective on June 25, 2011.

Gladys Carrión, Esq.
Commissioner

Included in this approval is your request to amend Albany County's Family Share from 15% to 25%.

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This approval is being issued separately from the approval of other sections of your plan in order to accommodate your county's need to implement the child care services provisions. A letter approving the remaining sections of your plan will be sent upon their approval.

If you have any questions about this approval or the child care section found in your district's Child and Family Services Plan, 2011 Annual Plan Update, please contact Ms. Antonia Weidner at (518) 408-3395 or by e-mail at Antonia.Weidner@ocfs.state.ny.us.

Sincerely,

Janice M. Molnar, Ph.D.
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June 27, 2011

Janice Molnar
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Dear Deputy Commissioner Molnar,

I am writing to inform you of amendments Albany County is seeking to make to our 2011 Children and Family Services Annual Plan. Our plan was submitted to your office in advance of the required public notice. Pursuant to 18 NYCRR 407.10 a public notice was placed in the Times Union on Sunday, June 5, 2011. I have included a copy of this public notice and it may be viewed at: <http://timesunion.kaango.com/ad-legal-notice-albany-county-department/19059132>. We have allowed a twenty (20) day public comment period and received no inquiries or comments.

The following highlights our proposed amendments:

The first proposed amendment to Albany County's Annual Plan is in section G-2, number 8. We are proposing not to provide subsidy as we have before.

The second proposed amendment is in section G-2, number 9. We are proposing not to provide subsidy as we have before.

The third proposed amendment is in section G-3, definition of Very Low Income. We are proposing to define Very Low Income as 125% of the State Income Standard.

The fourth proposed amendment is in section G-3, under Family Share. We are proposing to raise the parent share from 15% to 25%.

The fifth proposed amendment is in section G-3 under Case Closings. Our previous plan stated that in the event we run out of funds and we need to close existing cases the highest income cases will be closed first, although the graph shown in our plan indicated that the lowest income cases would be closed first. We are proposing to correct that error and below is the correct graph showing that the highest income cases will be closed first.

1 st	175-200% SIS
2 nd	150-174% SIS
3 rd	125-149% SIS
4 th	100-124% SIS
5 th	below 100% SIS

The sixth proposed amendment is in G-3, Group 3. We are proposing to delete Sanctioned TA parents in our priority population.

The seventh proposed amendment is in Appendix G-5. We are proposing to delete Sanctioned PA parents and Employed Foster Parents from our Priority Groups. We propose the following as our ranking for Priority Populations-Additional Local Priorities:

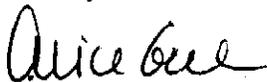
- Rank 1 – Families with children who have special needs
- Rank 2 – Families with very low income
- Rank 3 – Families at risk of returning to TA
 - Teen Parents attending school
 - Incapacitated and/or ill parents/caretakers
 - Child Protective

We propose to delete Sanctioned TA parents and Employed Foster Parents from our Priority Groups.

I was assisted in the completion of this process through the cooperation of your staff, principally Ms. Tonia Weidner. I greatly appreciate her time and the accessibility afforded me throughout the process.

If you have additional questions, please feel free to contact me at Ageel@albanycounty.com or (518) 447-7685.

Sincerely,



Alice Geel
Director of Employment and Daycare Divisions

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cc: David Kircher, Acting Commissioner

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Description

LEGAL NOTICE ALBANY COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES CHILD CARE BLOCK GRANT CHANGES Pursuant to 18 NYCRR 407.10 and consistent with the authority granted by 18 NYCRR 415.3(e) and (f) Albany County Department of Social Services requests public comments regarding its proposed amendments to its 2011 Children and Family Services Annual Plan Update to change the weekly family share as defined in 18 NYCRR 415.1(j) from 15% to 25% and changes to its optional categories of eligible families and priority populations as defined in 18 NYCRR 415.2 (2) and (3). This amendment applies to new applicants and families in receipt of child care subsidies under New York State Child Care Block Grant or Title XX. The proposed change is to become effective on June 25, 2011. Comments or questions from the public are welcome and should be submitted by June 24, 2011. To view proposed 2011 Children and Family Services Annual Plan Update: <http://www.albanycounty.com/dss/> Please submit comments or questions to: 2011 Children and Family Services Annual Plan Update 162 Washington Avenue, Albany, New York 12210 (518) 447-4993 TU 1t (3526704)