



July 20, 2011

New York State
Office of
Children &
Family
Services

Mr. John P. O'Neill, Commissioner
Essex County Department of Social Services
7551 Court Street
P.O. Box 217
Elizabethtown, NY 12932

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Dear Commissioner O'Neill:

This letter is in response to your request to amend Essex County's Child and Family Services 2011 Annual Plan Update. Essex County has proposed the following changes to its Child and Family Services Plan:

Andrew M. Cuomo
Governor

Appendix G-2:

Gladys Carrión, Esq.
Commissioner

- Add a limitation to categories 2a through 2d;
- Change which optional categories Essex County will include as eligible families.

Appendix G-3:

Capital View Office Park
52 Washington Street
Rensselaer, NY
12144-2834

- Amend the definition of Very Low Income from 150% to 125%;
- Increase the family share from 10% to 20%;
- Amend the way in which cases are opened or closed in the event that there are insufficient funds to maintain the current caseload or sufficient funds available to open all eligible cases.

Appendix G-9:

- Include legally-exempt group and school age child care providers as those eligible for payment for absences. No longer include family day care providers as providers eligible for payment for absences.

This request has been approved and is effective July 8, 2011. If you have any questions about the child care section found in your district's 2011 Annual Plan Update, please contact Ms. Antonia Weidner, (518) 408-3395 or by e-mail at Antonia.Weidner@ocfs.state.ny.us.

Sincerely,

Janice M. Molnar, Ph.D.
Deputy Commissioner
Division of Child Care Services



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Department of Social Services

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John P. O'Neill
Commissioner

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→ Taina Weidner for action

June 30, 2011

Janice M. Molnar, Deputy Commissioner
Division of Child Care
Office of Children and Family Services
52 Washington Street, South Bldg, Room 309
Rensselaer, NY 12144

Dear Ms. Molnar:

Enclosed please find a copy of Essex County's proposed changes to our daycare plan. As I am sure you must be aware, funding has been committed and the changes are necessary at this time.

The public notice was placed in three local newspapers, including *The Times of Ti*, *The Valley News* and *the Press Republican*. Also enclosed is a copy the comments received from the public as a result of the publication of the notice, of which we received only one.

At this time, I would like to respectfully request that you review these changes and approve the plan amendment.

Any questions regarding the proposed changes can be directed to either Mary Stanley, Child Care Coordinator at 518-873-3431 or to me by calling me at 518-873-3416. Please also feel free to email either of us.

Sincerely,

Sue Ann Caron, Director
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Fax: 518-873-3467
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PUBLIC NOTICE

Please note that Essex County Department of Social Services is proposing changes to the current income eligible day-care plan that may impact current recipients and providers as well as new applicants. These changes will affect the definition of very low income, the way in which eligible applicants are prioritized for services, and will raise the parent share from the current 10% to 20%.

The proposed changes can be reviewed through one of the following Internet links: <http://www.co.essex.ny.us/downloads/DaycareProposedChanges.pdf> or <http://www.co.essex.ny.us/daycare.asp>. For anyone who does not have Internet access,

a copy of the proposed changes may be requested by calling Mary Stanley at 518-873-3431. Comments regarding these changes will be accepted until June 30, 2011, by calling Mary Stanley at 518-873-3431, emailing them to mary.stanley@dfa.state.ny.us, or by mailing them to Essex County Department of Social Services, attention Mary Stanley, P.O. Box 217,

Elizabethtown, NY 12982.
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