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New York State
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Children &
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Services

Susan Sherwood, Commissioner
Rockland County Department of Social Services
Building L, Sanatorium Rd.
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Dear Commissioner Sherwood:

Andrew M. Cuomo
Governor

This letter is in response to your request to amend Rockland County's 2012-2016 Child and Family Services Plan. Sullivan County proposed the following change to its Child and Family Services Plan:

Gladys Carrión, Esq.
Commissioner

- Expand the reasons allowed for program closures to include program closures due to Superstorm Sandy for Day Care Centers, Group Family Day Care, Family Day Care and School Age Child Care. The number of program closures allowed has not changed.

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This request has been approved and is effective October 30, 2012 and ending on November 9, 2012. If you have any questions about this approval or the child care section found in your district's 2012-2016 Child and Family Services Plan, please contact Mr. Dan Mathias at (518) 474-4105 or Dan.Mathias@ocfs.state.ny.us

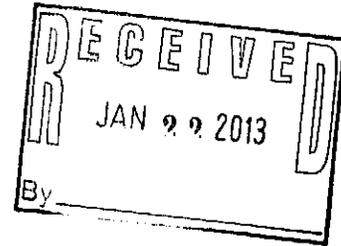
Sincerely,

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



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From County: Rockland

Rockland County Local Social Services District is requesting approval of the following amendment(s) to the child care services portion of its Child and Family Services Plan and a waiver of the applicable plan submission requirements under Part 407 and child care services regulations under Part 415 of Title 18 of the Official Compilation of Codes, Rules and Regulations of the State of New York so that the social services district can offer for the duration of the disaster recovery period the following immediate and greater child care assistance in response to Superstorm Sandy to the extent that the district continues to have funds available under either the district's allocation for the State Child Care Block Grant Program or any local funds appropriated for such purpose: (I have checked all amendments my district intends to make to its Child and Family Services Plan.)

Permit families that are not receiving public assistance that would otherwise need to have their eligibility for child care assistance re-determined within the period of the disaster recovery an additional 30 days to complete such redetermination and continue to provide child care services to such families during the extended redetermination period.

Provide child care services to families that need such services for a child to be protected because the family has been displaced from its home as a result of the effects of the superstorm to enable the child's parent or caretaker to clean-up or repair the home or find a new home.

Expand the maximum period of time a family that has income up to 200 percent of the State income standard may receive child care services when such services are needed to enable the child's parent or caretaker to seek employment to up to _____ months.

Expand to ____ the maximum total number of absences that the district will make payments to the following eligible providers during the recovery period on behalf of a child who is temporarily absent from child care due to extenuating circumstances resulting from the child being homeless or otherwise displaced from his or her home due to the effects of the superstorm (check all that are applicable):

- Day Care Center
- Group Family Day Care
- Family Day Care
- Legally-Exempt Group
- School Age Child Care

Expand to ____ the maximum total number of days per annum that the district will make payments to the following eligible providers that are closed due to the effects of the superstorm (check all that are applicable):

- Day Care Center
- Group Family Day Care
- Family Day Care
- Legally-Exempt Group
- School Age Child Care

X Verbal approval has been granted by OCFS and, therefore, the following additional amendments will be included in our district's Child and Family Services Plan for the duration of the disaster recovery:

"Program Closure due to Hurricane Sandy" is a permissible absence reason starting 10/30/12 and ending 11/9/12 for Day Care Centers, Group Family Day Care, Family Day Care, and School Age Child Care providers who have a contract with DSS. The number of absence days allowed for Routine Limits and Extenuating Circumstances are unchanged.

Verbal approval has been granted by OCFS to modify any of the above plan amendments and, therefore, the following modifications will be included in our district's Child and Family Services Plan for the duration of the disaster recovery are as follows:

Commissioner signature:  Date: 1/17/13

If your district elects to implement any of the above plan amendments or to modify an existing approved options please fax a signed copy of this form to (518) 474-9617 Atten: Rhonda Duffney or email this form to Antonia.Weidner@ocfs.state.ny.us or Joe.Ziegler@ocfs.state.ny.us. Please mail a signed hard copy of this form to Janice M. Molnar, Ph.D. at the address listed on top of page one.

Once the fax or email has been successfully submitted, your district may immediately implement the plan amendments set forth above provided you received OCFS' prior verbal approval of any modification or additional amendment.