



September 21, 2011

New York State
Office of
Children &
Family
Services

Dennis Packard, Commissioner
Schenectady County Department of Social Services
797 Broadway
Schenectady, NY 12308

Dear Commissioner Packard:

www.ocfs.state.ny.us

This letter is in response to your request to amend Schenectady County's Child and Family Services, 2010 Annual Plan Update. Albany County proposed the following change to its Child and Family Services Plan:

Andrew M. Cuomo
Governor

Gladys Carrión, Esq.
Commissioner

- 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. Households eligible for the thirty day extension will be those with authorization periods ending August 31, 2011 and September 30, 2011.
- 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 hurricane to enable the child's parent or caretaker to clean-up or repair the home or find a new home. Eligible household will be required to provide documentation verifying that they are unable to return to their homes prior to being approved if otherwise eligible. The authorization period will be for 60 days and will be re-determined for any extension on a case by case basis. Households will be required to provide documentation updating the progress of the repairs or new home search.

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

This request has been approved and is effective September 13, 2011 for the duration of the disaster recovery period. 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. Rhonda Duffney at (518) 474-3775 or Rhonda.Duffney@ocfs.state.ny.us.

Sincerely,

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



**Commissioner of
Social Services**

Memorandum

To: Janice M. Molnar, Ph.D, Deputy Commissioner
New York State Office of Children and Family Services
Division of Child Care Services
52 Washington Street, Room 309S
Rensselaer, NY 12144

From: Dennis Packard, Commissioner of Social Services
Schenectady County

CC:

Date: September 13, 2011

Re: Temporary Child Care Plan amendments

Schenectady County Department Social Services 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 Hurricane Irene and the subsequent flooding 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.)

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Commissioner signature:
Date: 9/13/11

