



July 24, 2009

**New York State
Office of
Children & Family
Services**

www.ocfs.state.ny.us

David A. Paterson
Governor

Gladys Carrión, Esq.
Commissioner

Capital View Office Park
52 Washington Street
Rensselaer, NY 12144

Ms. Kathryn A. Muller, Commissioner
Steuben County Department of Social Services
3 East Pulteney Square
Bath, NY 14810

Dear Commissioner Muller:

This letter is in response to Steuben County's request to amend the 2007-2009 Child and Family Service Plan. Steuben County proposed the following changes to its plan:

- Increase the legally-exempt enhanced market rate up to 75 percent of the applicable registered family day care market rate.
- For all legally-exempt family and in-home child care providers that have been approved by the district for those portions of the district that are not covered by a legally-exempt caregiver enrollment agency as having completed ten or more hours of training annually.

This amendment has been approved and is effective May 15, 2009.

If you have any questions about this approval or the 2007-2009 Child and Family Service Plan please contact me at (518) 474-9620 or by e-mail at Amy.Ryan@ocfs.state.ny.us.

Sincerely,

Amy Ryan
Children and Family Services Specialist
Division of Child Care Services

cc: Lise Reynolds, Director of Finance



Attachment B: continued

District requesting the amendment Steuben

Enhanced Market Rate For Legally-Exempt Family and In-Home Child Care Providers

If a district elects to establish a payment rate that is in excess of the enhanced market rate for legally-exempt family and in-home child care providers, a district must state the percentage above the market rate it proposes to use:

Our district is requesting to increase the legally-exempt enhanced market rate up to 75 percent of the applicable registered family day care market rate. Market rate may not exceed 75 percent of the child care market rates established for registered family day care.

Districts that select the option to increase the legally-exempt enhanced market rate must also select one of the options listed below for which the legally-exempt enhanced market rate applies:

X for all legally-exempt family and in-home child care providers that have been approved by the applicable legally-exempt caregiver enrollment agency or by the district for those portions of the district that are not covered by a legally-exempt caregiver enrollment agency as having completed ten or more hours of training annually;

for those legally-exempt family and in-home child care providers who were receiving the enhanced rate on the date of the regulations, but only for the remainder of their current one-year enrollment period; or

for those legally-exempt family and in-home child care providers who were receiving the enhanced rate on the date of the regulations, for the remainder of the time they remain enrolled and continue to meet the ten-hour annual training requirement.

This amendment is effective 5/15/09. This option cannot be effective prior to May 15, 2009.

Commissioner Signature

5/29/09

Date

Requests to amend the Child and Family Services Plan should be mailed to: Ms. Amy Ryan, Office of Children and Family Services, Division of Child Care Services, 52 Washington Street, Rensselaer, NY 12144-2796, emailed to Amy.Ryan@ocfs.state.ny.us or faxed to Ms. Ryan at (518) 474-9617.