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Governor

Gladys Carrión, Esq.
Commissioner

Commissioner Gregory Blass
Suffolk County Department of Social Services
3085 Veterans Memorial Highway
Ronkonkoma, NY 11779

Dear Commissioner Blass:

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

- The family share will decrease from 25% to 15%.

The request has been approved and is effective July 1, 2010. If you have any questions about this approval or the child care section found in your district's 2010 Annual Plan Update please contact Ms. Antonia Weidner at (518) 408-3395 or by e-mail at Antonia.Weidner@ocfs.state.ny.us.

Sincerely,

Capital View Office Park
52 Washington Street
Rensselaer, NY 12144

Janice M. Molnar
Deputy Commissioner
Division of Child Care Services

cc: Mr. Thomas Contegni



Duffney, Rhonda (OCFS)

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Subject: Suffolk County Amendment proposal for Child Care - Change of the Parent Fee Percentage
Attachments: Legal Notice.doc; Childcare Consolidated Services Plan.doc

Importance: High

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Dear Ms. Duffney:

I am writing you on behalf of the Suffolk County Department of Social Services to request approval from New York State Office of Children and Family Services to amend Suffolk County's Child and Family Services Plan to decrease the Parent Fee from the present 25% to 15%. A copy of this proposed amendment is attached to this e-mail. (see attached Childcare Consolidated Plan, Appendix G-3, page 8, highlighted in yellow). We are requesting an effective date of July 1, 2010.

As required, we made notice of the proposed amendment with a request for public comment. The notice was published on Wednesday, May 19, 2010 in the Long Island South Shore Press. No public comment has been received as of the close of business Friday, June 18, 2010. A copy of the text of the notice is also attached. In addition, the proposed amendment was distributed to each member of the Commissioner's Advisory Council at our June 1, 2010 meeting. The Department of Social Services received a unanimous vote of support for the amendment.

If you have any questions, please e-mail me or contact me at 631-854-9518. We look forward to your favorable reply. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Thomas Contegni
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Legal Notice

Pursuant to 18 New York Codes Rules and Regulations (NYCCR) 407.10 and consistent with the authority granted by 18 NYCRR 415.3(f) Suffolk County Department of Social Services requests public comments regarding its proposed amendment to its 2009-2010 CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES PLAN to change the weekly family share as defined in 18 NYCRR 415.1(j) from 25% to 15% effective July 1, 2010. This amendment applies to new applicants and all current families in receipt of child care subsidies funded under New York State Child Care Block Grant or Title XX. Comments or questions from the public are welcome. Public comments should be submitted by June 18, 2010.

Please submit comments to:

Director of Child Care Services
Suffolk County Department of Social Services
P.O. Box 18100 Hauppauge, New York 11788