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Services**

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May 4, 2010

Katherine Waluschka
Associate Commissioner
Westchester DSS
112 East Post Road
White Plains, NY 10601

David A. Paterson
Governor

Dear Ms. Waluschka:

Gladys Carrión, Esq.
Commissioner

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

- The family share will be increased from 15% to 20%.

This request has been approved and is effective June 1, 2010. If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Rhonda Duffney (518) 474-3775.

Sincerely,

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

Capital View Office Park
52 Washington Street
Rensselaer, NY 12144



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County Executive

Department of Social Services

Kevin P. Mahon
Commissioner

April 29, 2010

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

Dear Commissioner Molnar:

Pursuant to *18NYCRR 407.10* of the regulations of the Department of Social Services as compiled in the *State of New York Codes, Rules and Regulations, Title 18* and consistent with the authority granted by *18NYCRR 415.3(f)*, the **Westchester County Department of Social Services requests approval to amend its Child and Family Services Plan covering the period of January 1, 2007-December 31, 2010 to change the parent share rate for day care subsidies as defined in *18NYCRR 415.1(j)* from 15% to 20%. The proposed change is to become effective June 1, 2010.**

This action has been approved by our County Executive and the County's Budget Department. This action is essential in order for the County to continue to provide day care subsidies to all eligible Low Income families. We already supplement the CCBG funds with local tax levy.

The Westchester County Department of Social Services published the required public notice for three days in *The Journal News*; the notice appeared in the *Legal Notices* pages of the newspaper on March 31, April 1 and April 2. A copy of the publication containing the notice and a copy of an email confirming dates of publication is enclosed as proof of publication.

The County has not received any written comments to date.

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families receiving child day care services, which are required to pay an income-based portion of a family share. Each household is required to pay only one parent share.

This change will impact all families receiving child care subsidies and required to pay a parent share. The increase in parent share rate will increase the mandatory contribution toward day care services for each household. It is hoped that this increase in parent share will enable Westchester County to continue to provide subsidies to all eligible households and to avoid a waiting list.

Thank you for your assistance with this matter.

Sincerely,



Katherine Waluschka
Associate Commissioner

CC: Kevin P. Mahon, Commissioner
Iris Jenkins, Deputy Commissioner
Carlos, Moran, Deputy Commissioner
John Befus, Deputy Commissioner

Encl: Copy of Notice
Copy of e-mail confirming three days of publication

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FROM

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Florence Bonilla

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Signed _____ *fb*

Sworn to before me

This 15th day of April 20 10

Julia Kyle
Notary Public, Westchester County

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Notary Public, State of New York
No. 011KY6198797
Qualified in Westchester County
Commission Expires January 5, 2013

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Northern Area (AN):

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**Public Notice
Westchester County
Department of Social Services
Request for Public Comments**

**CHANGE IN PARENT SHARE FOR DAY CARE SUBSIDIES-AMENDMENT TO
COUNTY PLAN**

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The purpose of this change is to enable the County to continue to serve all households eligible for the subsidy. This change will impact all families receiving child care subsidies and required to pay a parent share.

Public comments should be submitted by **no later than 4:00 PM, April 26, 2010 to:**

**Paul Surovich, Supervising Eligibility Examiner
112 East Post Road, 5th floor
White Plains, New York 10601**

In addition, the following change is taking place:

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