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May 17, 2012

Ms. Katherine Waluschka, Associate Commissioner
Westchester County Department of Social Services
112 East Post Road
White Plains, NY 10601

Dear Ms. Waluschka:

Andrew M. Cuomo
Governor

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

Gladys Carrión, Esq.
Commissioner

- The family share will be increased from 20% to 35%.

This request has been approved and is effective June 1, 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 Ms. Antonia Weidner at (518) 408-3395 or by e-mail at Antonia.Weidner@ocfs.state.ny.us.

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52 Washington Street
Rensselaer, NY
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Sincerely,

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





Robert P. Astorino
County Executive

Department of Social Services

Kevin M. McGuire
Commissioner

May 14, 2012

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

Dear Dr. 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 (WCDSS) requests approval to amend its Child and Family Services Plan covering the period January 1, 2012-December 31, 2016, approved April 23, 2012, to change the parent share rate for day care subsidies as defined in *18NYCRR 415.1(j)* from 20% to 35%. The proposed change is to become effective June 1, 2012. Earlier this year, you approved an amendment to our County Plan changing the parent share rate from 15% to 20%.

This action has been approved by the county Executive's Office and our Budget Office. The action is necessary in order to avoid a total shut down of the non-guaranteed cases in the subsidy program before the end of the calendar year.

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 April 6, 7, and 8, 2012. A copy of the publication containing the notice is attached, and I am forwarding the email confirming proof of publication with this letter. The comment period ended today, May 14, 2012 at 10:00 A.M.

In addition to publishing the notice of the proposed change in *The Journal News*, WCDSS sent a copy of the notice to the Westchester County Board of Legislators and also e-mailed the notice with a request for comments to members of the Commissioner's Advisory Council. The mailing of the required notices to parents will be completed by May 18. The public was also alerted to the Department's proposed change via a January press release from the County Executive's Office.



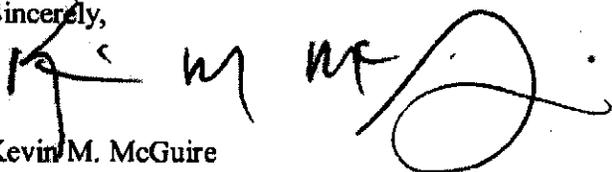
The parent share rate is used to calculate the contribution for day care services required to be paid by households receiving child day care subsidies and required to pay a parent share. Each household's contribution must be calculated by subtracting the State income standard, as defined in *18NYCRR 415.1(k)*, for the specific family size of the eligible family from the annual gross income of the eligible family, multiplying the remaining income by the parent share rate, as selected by the social services district and included in the district's consolidated services plan or integrated county plan, and dividing the product by 52 to determine a weekly family share. The same percentage factor must be used for all 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.

All families required to pay a parent share will be impacted by this change.

We have received a large number of letters commenting on this change. All originals received in hard copy are being sent to OCFS with the hard copy of this letter. Comments received via email have been printed out and are also enclosed.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kevin M. McGuire', with a large, stylized flourish at the end.

Kevin M. McGuire
Commissioner

Cc: Katherine Waluschka
Associate Commissioner

Rhonda Duffney, Director
Child Care Subsidy Program, NYS OCFS

Attachment: Affidavit of Publication and Public Notice

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

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

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 conferred by 18NYCRR 415.3(f), the Westchester County Department of Social Services requests public comments regarding its proposed amendment to its Integrated County Plan to change the parent share rate for day care subsidies as defined in 18NYCRR 415.1(f) from 20% to 35%. The proposed change is to become effective on June 1, 2012. On February 1, 2012 the parent share rate was changed from 15% to 20%.

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The purpose of this change is to be able to provide child care subsidies to the largest number of eligible households with the limited funding available. 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 10:00 AM, May 14, 2012 to:

Katherine Walkuscha,
Associate Commissioner
Room 523
White Plains, New York
10601

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Signed Ceronia Hernandez

Sworn to before me

This 20th day of DECEMBER 20 11

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