



November 8, 2012

New York State
Office of
Children &
Family
Services

Kevin M. McGuire, Commissioner
Westchester County Department of Social Services
112 East Post Road
County Office Building #2
White Plains, NY 10601

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Dear Commissioner McGuire:

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 changes to its Child and Family Services Plan:

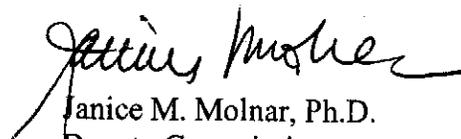
Gladys Carrión, Esq.
Commissioner

- 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.
- Expand the total maximum number of days per annum that the district will make payments to providers that are closed due to the effects of Superstorm Sandy from five (5) to ten (10) days. The following types of providers are eligible:
Contracted Providers Only: Day Care Center, Group Family Day Care and School Age Child Care.

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

This request has been approved and is effective November 7, 2012, 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 2012-2016 Child and Family Services Plan, please contact Ms. Antonia Weidner at (518) 408-3395 or Antonia.Weidner@ocfs.state.ny.us.

Sincerely,


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



Memorandum
Department of Social Services

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: Westchester County

Date: November 7, 2012

Subject: Child Care Plan Amendment

WESTCHESTER Local Social Services District 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 superstorm Sandy 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.)

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.

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 superstorm to enable the child's parent or caretaker to clean-up or repair the home or find a new home.

Expand the maximum period of time a family that has income up to 200 percent of the State income standard may receive child care services when such services are needed to enable the child's parent or caretaker to seek employment to up to _____ months.

Expand to ____ the maximum total number of absences that the district will make payments to the following eligible providers during the recovery period on behalf of a child who is temporarily absent from child care due to extenuating circumstances resulting from the child being homeless or otherwise displaced from his or her home due to the effects of the superstorm (check all that are applicable):

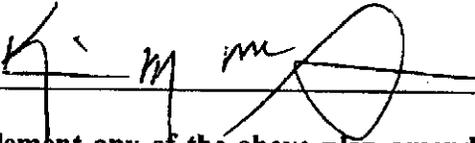
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- Group Family Day Care
- Family Day Care
- Legally-Exempt Group
- School Age Child Care

Expand to 10 the maximum total number of days per annum that the district will make payments to the following eligible providers that are closed due to the effects of the superstorm (check all that are applicable): **CONTRACTED PROVIDERS ONLY**

- Day Care Center
- Group Family Day Care
- Family Day Care
- Legally-Exempt Group
- School Age Child Care

Verbal approval has been granted by OCFS and, therefore, the following additional amendments will be included in our district's Child and Family Services Plan for the duration of the disaster recovery:

Verbal approval has been granted by OCFS to modify any of the above plan amendments and, therefore, the following modifications will be included in our district's Child and Family Services Plan for the duration of the disaster recovery are as follows:

Commissioner signature:  Date: 11/7/12

If your district elects to implement any of the above plan amendments or to modify an existing approved options please fax a signed copy of this form to (518) 474-9617 Atten: Rhonda Duffney or email this form to Antonia.Weidner@ocfs.state.ny.us or Joe.Ziegler@ocfs.state.ny.us. Please mail a signed hard copy of this form to Janice M. Molnar, Ph.D. at the address listed on top of page one.

Once the fax or email has been successfully submitted, your district may immediately implement the plan amendments set forth above provided you received OCFS' prior verbal approval of any modification or additional amendment.