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Department of Social Services

Kevin M. McGuire
Commissioner

January 8, 2013

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:

The purpose of this letter is to inform you that the parent share rate of 35% that was scheduled to take effect on November 1, 2012 was not implemented. The reason for this is that the Westchester County Department of Social Services (WCDSS) was served with still another restraining order on or about November 1. In order to comply, WCDSS had to notify all parents that the parent share would remain at 20% until further notice. We sent a copy of the Temporary Restraining Order to the NYS Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS).

By the time the restraining order was lifted on or about November 19th, all customers had been notified that the parent share would remain at 20%. We started still another notification and re-budgeting process to notify customers that the parent share would now be increased to 35% effective January 1, 2013. Before this could be completed, our Board of Legislators passed a budget setting the parent share rate at 27%. In order to avoid still another restraining order and further confusion for our customers, WCDSS initiated the process to change the parent share rate to 27% effective February 1, 2013 without implementing the January change to 35%. We published the required public notice in *The Journal News* on December 14, 15 and 16.

The comment period ends January 21. We will be submitting a request to OCFS for approval to amend our County Plan on or about January 22.

Thank you.

Sincerely,


Katherine Waluschka, Associate Commissioner

Cc: Kevin M. McGuire, Commissioner

Rhonda Duffney, Director, Child Care Subsidy Program, OCFS