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

Andrew M. Cuomo
Governor

Dear Ms. Waluschka:

Gladys Carrión, Esq.
Commissioner

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:

- The family share will be increased from 20% to 27%.

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52 Washington Street
Rensselaer, NY
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This request has been approved and is effective February 1, 2013. 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 Mr. Dan Mathias at (518) 474-4105 or Dan.Mathias@ocfs.ny.gov.

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

January 23, 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:

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 27%. The proposed change is to become effective February 1, 2013. Earlier in 2012 you approved an amendment to our County Plan changing the parent share rate from 15% to 20%. The currently proposed action has been approved by the Westchester County Board of Legislators. NYS OCFS also approved a change of the rate to 35% to become effective June 1, 2012. Several restraining orders precluded implementation. The increase in parent share is necessary in order to avoid a total shut down of the non-guaranteed cases in the subsidy program during 2013.

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 December 14, 15, and 16 of 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 yesterday January 21, but because this was a holiday we were prepared to accept comments submitted on January 22. We did not receive any comments.

In addition to publishing the notice of the proposed change in *The Journal News*, WCDSS sent a copy of the notice to the Child Care Council of Westchester. The mailing of the required notices to parents was completed by January 18, 2012. The previous temporary restraining order is no longer in effect and the matter was decided in the county's favor.

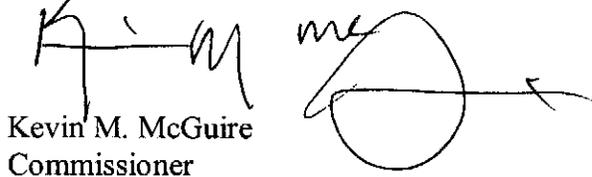


The parent share rate is used to calculate the contribution for day care services required to be paid by households receiving child day care subsidies and required to pay a parent share. Each household's contribution must be calculated by subtracting the State income standard, as defined in *18NYCRR 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.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Kevin M. McGuire, consisting of a stylized 'K' and 'M' followed by a horizontal line and a flourish.

Kevin M. McGuire
Commissioner

Cc: Katherine Waluschka
Associate Commissioner

Rhonda Duffney, Director
Child Care Subsidy Program, NYS OCFS

Attachment: Proof of Publication and Public Notice