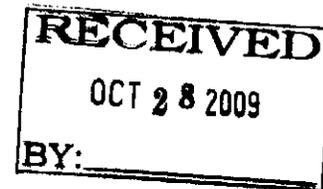




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Ms. Gladys Carrión, Esq.
Commissioner
Office of Children and Family Services
52 Washington Street
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Dear Commissioner Carrión,

I am pleased to inform you that the New York State Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) State Plan for the period October 1, 2009 through September 30, 2011 has been approved. During the effective period of this plan, any substantial changes to the program must be submitted as a plan amendment to your Regional Office for approval in accordance with 45 CFR 98.18(b).

You will receive a Notice of Grant Award in October 2009 from the Administration for Children and Families' Office of Administration. The Notice will include the amount of your award and additional terms and conditions for receipt of CCDF funds.

Please note the following reminders regarding the CCDF program:

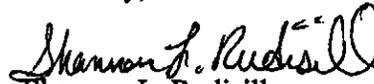
- In-home providers must be paid in compliance with Federal wage laws governing domestic workers. Questions should be directed to your local or District Office of the Wage and Hour Division within the U.S. Department of Labor.
- Lead agencies must certify that payment rates for the provision of child care services are sufficient to ensure equal access for eligible families that are comparable to those provided to families that do not receive CCDF assistance. Payments established at least at the 75th percentile of the market would be regarded as providing equal access. We continue to have a strong interest in State payment rates and their impact on equal access and parental choice for families receiving child care subsidies. During this fiscal year the Child Care Bureau will focus our technical assistance on efforts to support improvements in these areas.
- Lead agencies must comply with requirements of the Privacy Act when using Social Security Numbers. Lead agencies may request Social Security Numbers on a voluntary basis. However, anytime the agency requests disclosure of the Social Security Number, individuals must be informed that disclosure is optional and about the purposes for which the Social Security Number will be used. (See Program Instruction ACF-PI-CC-00-04).

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The Child Care Bureau looks forward to assisting you in administering quality child care programs. If you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact Nitza López -Munoz, Regional Program Manager, in our New York Regional Office at 212-264-2890 ext. 182.

Sincerely,



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Associate Director
Child Care Bureau
Office of Family Assistance

cc: Janice M. Molnar, Ph.D., Deputy Commissioner
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