

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis for Small Business and Local Governments

1) Effect on Small Businesses and Local Governments:

There are approximately 16,200 licensed/registered child care programs and 17,000 enrolled legally exempt child care programs in New York State, and 58 social services districts.

2) Compliance Requirements:

Currently, 46 of the 58 social services districts will need to update their Child and Family Services Plan to reflect a new sliding fee scale income factor. The New York State Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS) will assist in this process. There are no other new compliance requirements.

3) Professional Services:

Child care programs and local governments will not be required to use or employ any additional professional services as a result of this rule.

4) Compliance Costs:

No additional costs will be assessed with this rule.

5) Economic and Technological Feasibility:

There are no new requirements that will impact economic and/or technological feasibility.

6) Minimizing Adverse Impact:

OCFS does not anticipate an adverse impact.

7) Small Business and Local Government Participation:

OCFS had calls with stakeholders about the need for child care assistance in the field and the need to obligate the listed funds in accordance with the relevant requirements. OCFS will provide guidance, technical assistance, and outreach to those that are impacted by this rule. Specifically, OCFS will assist social services districts that need to update their Child and Family Services Plan to reflect a new sliding fee scale income factor. OCFS will send notice of this rule via email to all child care programs for which it has valid email addresses and post this information on the OCFS child care website. This will include the contact

information of someone in OCFS to answer questions on this rule and the email address for the regulations mailbox (regcomments@ocfs.ny.gov) to provide public comments.