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| OCFS LOCAL COMMISSIONERS MEMORANDUM |
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Date: September 1, 1998

Division: Administration

TO: Local District Commissioners

SUBJECT: 1997-98 Domestic Violence State Aid Rates (DVSAR) for Domestic
Violence Residential Programs in New York City

ATTACHMENTS: A: 1997-98 Domestic Violence Residential Program Rate
Chart

B: Agency Specific Listing of 1997-98 DVSAR's

(Attachments are available on-line)

The purpose of this letter is to advise you of the 1997-98 Domestic Violence State Aid Rates (DVSAR) for licensed Domestic Violence (DV) residential programs in New York City. The promulgated rates have been calculated using the approved Domestic Violence rate methodology. Local districts are required to pay these promulgated per diem rates to licensed Domestic Violence residential programs providing residential care to eligible victims of domestic violence.

Rate reductions were applied to those programs that had 1995-96 surpluses. Surpluses were defined as 1995-96 government revenue in excess of spending for a given program.

The 1997-98 Domestic Violence rate methodology includes the following features:

- o The flat rates are based upon requirements contained in 18 NYCRR 408 and are intended to promote fiscal stability of Domestic Violence residential programs.
- o Different rate levels have been established for Domestic Violence programs located in New York City and in the rest of the State.

- o Flat rates are also based on program type and size: Domestic Violence Programs/Shelters with bed capacity of 20 or less, Domestic Violence Programs/Shelters with bed capacity of 21 or more, Domestic Violence Safe Dwellings, and Domestic Violence Safe Homes.
- o No rate adjustment increase will be allowed for any program which wishes to exceed the flat rate designated for the particular type of residential program in the specific geographical area. DV rate consultations will only be allowed if the promulgated state aid rate is not at the maximum flat rate level or the food add-on was inadvertently omitted.
- o New or expanding Domestic Violence residential programs will be allowed funding for start-up expenses if the resident county approves those expenditures. A start-up rate will be calculated and added to the program's DVSAR.
- o We will continue to grandfather in the per diem rates established by local districts prior to the establishment of the current State Domestic Violence rate methodology, where those rates were higher than the applicable DV Flat Rate. Affected programs will continue to receive either the grandfathered in rate or the Flat Rate, whichever is higher, as the basis for determining the 1997-98 DVSAR unless program surpluses occurred in the base year.
- o The food add-on rate is to be negotiated between the residential program and the local social services district where the residential program is located. The Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS) will revise the DVSAR to include the food add-on when we have been formally notified in writing. Thereafter, the food add-on will be included until otherwise notified. Notification to OCFS can be made by either the program (with documentation from the local district) or directly by the local district.
- o The Office of Children and Family Services will continue the DVSAR rate policy of reducing future year per diem rates by the amount equal to the program's government revenue surplus calculated as a per diem amount in the base year.
- o No COLA (Cost of Living Allowance) has been added to the DVSAR. The flat rate remains unchanged from the 1996-97 published rate, unless a rate reduction was applied for a program surplus.

We suggest that copies of this information be shared with Economic Security and Services Staff and Accounting Supervisors. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Jack Spillan, Bureau of Resource Management at 1-800-345-5437, extension 6-3437 or directly at (518) 486-3437, (OA USER ID SV0060).

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NEW YORK CITY
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE RESIDENTIAL
1997-98 FLAT PER DIEM RATES

NEW YORK CITY-BASED DOMESTIC VIOLENCE RESIDENTIAL PROGRAMS

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 1997 THROUGH JUNE 30, 1998

	<u>20 Beds or Less</u>	<u>21 Beds or More</u>	<u>Food Add-on</u>
DV PROGRAMS/SHELTERS	\$82.08	\$66.56	\$4.10
DV SAFE DWELLINGS	62.54	N/A	5.65
DV SAFE HOMES	36.17	N/A	5.55

NEW YORK STATE OFFICE OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES
DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATION
PER DIEM RATES FOR RESIDENTIAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PROGRAMS

K E Y

- # - Under Review
- *** - Fiscal Reports Not Received
- POC - Pending issuance of an operating certificate. No one can be placed in this program until an operating certificate has been issued by Regional Office.
- F - Food Add-on included

- CODE - Each residential facility has been assigned a facility specific 4-digit code number. The first number identifies the Regional Office responsible for oversight, the second identifies the facility type and the last two is the agency's number.
 - Metropolitan Regional Office = 1
 - Domestic Violence Program/Shelter = 1
 - Safe Dwelling = 2
 - Safe Home = 3