



# Office of Children and Family Services

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## Administrative Directive

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### Filing References

Previous ADMs/INFs	Releases Cancelled	NYS Regs.	Soc. Serv. Law & Other Legal Ref.	Manual Ref.	Misc. Ref.
<a href="#">92 LCM -34</a>					

### I. Purpose

The purpose of this Administrative Directive (ADM) is inform local social services districts (local districts) and the New York Domestic Violence Providers that the New York State Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS) will no longer assess a surplus penalty in the calculation of domestic violence state aid rates (DVSARs) for domestic violence residential programs.

## II. Background

The policy release, 92 LCM-34, *1992 Domestic Violence State Aid Rates (DVSAR) for Domestic Violence Residential Programs in New York State*, laid out highlights of the OCFS methodology for determining DVSARs for residential programs. To date, the methodology described in that LCM has remained in place. In denoting some highlights of the DVSAR rate methodology, 92 LCM-34 stated that there would be “future year per diem rate reductions equal to any year current year program surplus caused by underspending per diem revenue.” See 92 LCM-34 at page 2.

OCFS recognizes that this provision may have created an incentive for programs to use funds when not necessary, as well as a disincentive for programs to spend frugally. Therefore, OCFS has determined that it will no longer reduce future year per diem rates because of prior year surpluses.

## III. Program Implications

Effective July 1, 2015, DVSARs will be calculated using trend factors, if any, and will not be subject to a surplus penalty.

## IV. Effective Date

The effective date of this policy is July 1, 2015.

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