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Informational Letter

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To:	Commissioners of Local Social Services Districts
Issuing Division/Office:	Division of Child Care Services
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Attachments:	<i>Child Care Market Rates</i>

I. Purpose

The purpose of this Informational Letter (INF) is to advise local social services districts (districts) that the child care market rates and the maximum reimbursement for expenditures for all child care services funded under the New York State Child Care Block Grant (NYSCCBG) and Social Services Block Grant (Title XX) have been filed with the New York State Department of State as an emergency rule making and notice of proposed rule making. These changes will be reflected in Title 18 of the Official Compilation of Codes, Rules and Regulations of the State of New York (NYCRR) Section 415.9.

II. Background

The revised child care market rate regulations were filed on an emergency basis on April 23, 2019, and will be effective May 1, 2019. The regulatory filing also included a notice of proposed rule making. Districts, as well as the public, will have the opportunity to comment on the proposed rule once the proposed rule is published in the *State Register* on May 8, 2019.

The revised child care market rate regulations are found in an attachment to this policy. A Local Commissioners Memorandum (LCM) will be issued following the final adoption of the regulations.

The new market rates were established at the 69th percentile of child care rates reported by a random sample of 3,744 licensed and registered child care providers from across New York State, during a 2017-18 telephone survey.

III. Program Implications

The child care market rates will be updated automatically in the Child Care Time and Attendance (CCTA) system with an effective date of May 1, 2019. When calculating payments on or after May 1, 2019, CCTA will automatically compare the calculated payments to the appropriate market rates based on the date upon which child care services were received, not the date when the payment is being calculated.

The districts must take actions to implement the new child care market rates for the May 1, 2019, effective date. Whenever the amount of child care benefits changes, districts must provide recipients with appropriate notice as required by 18 NYCRR Subpart 358-2.

IV. Effective Date

The effective date of this release is May 1, 2019.



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ATTACHMENT A

CHILD CARE MARKET RATES

Market rates are established in five groupings of social services districts as follows:

- Group 1: Nassau, Putnam, Rockland, Suffolk, Westchester
- Group 2: Columbia, Erie, Monroe, Onondaga, Ontario, Rensselaer, Schenectady, Tompkins, Warren
- Group 3: Allegany, Broome, Cattaraugus, Cayuga, Chautauqua, Chemung, Chenango, Clinton, Cortland, Delaware, Essex, Franklin, Fulton, Genesee, Greene, Hamilton, Herkimer, Jefferson, Lewis, Livingston, Madison, Montgomery, Niagara, Oneida, Orleans, Oswego, Otsego, Schoharie, Schuyler, Seneca, St. Lawrence, Steuben, Sullivan, Tioga, Washington, Wayne, Wyoming, Yates
- Group 4: Albany, Dutchess, Orange, Saratoga, Ulster
- Group 5: Bronx, Kings, New York, Queens, Richmond

MARKET RATES

The market rates established for each group apply to all districts in the designated group.

GROUP 1 COUNTIES:

Nassau, Putnam, Rockland, Suffolk, and Westchester

DAY CARE CENTER

	AGE OF CHILD			
	<u>Under 1 ½</u>	<u>1 ½ - 2</u>	<u>3 - 5</u>	<u>6-12</u>
WEEKLY	\$364	\$338	\$310	\$317
DAILY	\$65	\$62	\$55	\$65
PART-DAY	\$43	\$41	\$37	\$43
HOURLY	\$9.50	\$11.00	\$10.00	\$8.00

FAMILY DAY CARE HOME AND GROUP FAMILY DAY CARE HOME

	AGE OF CHILD			
	<u>Under 2</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3 - 5</u>	<u>6-12</u>
WEEKLY	\$300	\$295	\$285	\$275
DAILY	\$60	\$60	\$60	\$57
PART-DAY	\$40	\$40	\$40	\$38
HOURLY	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$10.00

SCHOOL-AGE CHILD CARE

	AGE OF CHILD			
	<u>Under 1 ½</u>	<u>1 ½ - 2</u>	<u>3 - 5</u>	<u>6-12</u>
WEEKLY	\$0	\$0	\$310	\$317
DAILY	\$0	\$0	\$55	\$65
PART-DAY	\$0	\$0	\$37	\$43
HOURLY	\$0	\$0	\$10.00	\$8.00

(Group 1 Counties)
 LEGALLY-EXEMPT GROUP CHILD CARE STANDARD RATE

	AGE OF CHILD			
	<u>Under 1 ½</u>	<u>1 1/2 – 2</u>	<u>3 - 5</u>	<u>6-12</u>
WEEKLY	\$0	\$0	\$233	\$238
DAILY	\$0	\$0	\$41	\$49
PART-DAY	\$0	\$0	\$28	\$32
HOURLY	\$0	\$0	\$7.50	\$6.00

INFORMAL CHILD CARE
 STANDARD RATE

	AGE OF CHILD			
	<u>Under 2</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3 - 5</u>	<u>6-12</u>
WEEKLY	\$195	\$192	\$185	\$179
DAILY	\$39	\$39	\$39	\$37
PART-DAY	\$26	\$26	\$26	\$25
HOURLY	\$6.50	\$6.50	\$6.50	\$6.50

INFORMAL CHILD CARE
 ENHANCED RATE

	AGE OF CHILD			
	<u>Under 2</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3 - 5</u>	<u>6-12</u>
WEEKLY	\$210	\$207	\$200	\$193
DAILY	\$42	\$42	\$42	\$40
PART-DAY	\$28	\$28	\$28	\$27
HOURLY	\$7.00	\$7.00	\$7.00	\$7.00

GROUP 2 COUNTIES: Columbia, Erie, Monroe, Onondaga, Ontario, Rensselaer, Schenectady, Tompkins and Warren

DAY CARE CENTER

	AGE OF CHILD			
	<u>Under 1 ½</u>	<u>1 ½ - 2</u>	<u>3 - 5</u>	<u>6-12</u>
WEEKLY	\$280	\$264	\$245	\$215
DAILY	\$59	\$55	\$51	\$45
PART-DAY	\$39	\$37	\$34	\$30
HOURLY	\$9.75	\$9.25	\$9.00	\$9.00

FAMILY DAY CARE HOME AND GROUP FAMILY DAY CARE HOME

	AGE OF CHILD			
	<u>Under 2</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3 - 5</u>	<u>6-12</u>
WEEKLY	\$190	\$185	\$180	\$175
DAILY	\$40	\$40	\$38	\$35
PART-DAY	\$27	\$27	\$25	\$23
HOURLY	\$8.00	\$8.00	\$8.00	\$8.00

SCHOOL-AGE CHILD CARE

	AGE OF CHILD			
	<u>Under 1 ½</u>	<u>1 ½ - 2</u>	<u>3 - 5</u>	<u>6-12</u>
WEEKLY	\$0	\$0	\$245	\$215
DAILY	\$0	\$0	\$51	\$45
PART-DAY	\$0	\$0	\$34	\$30
HOURLY	\$0	\$0	\$9.00	\$9.00

(Group 2 Counties)
 LEGALLY-EXEMPT GROUP CHILD CARE STANDARD RATE

	AGE OF CHILD			
	<u>Under 1 ½</u>	<u>1 1/2 – 2</u>	<u>3 - 5</u>	<u>6-12</u>
WEEKLY	\$0	\$0	\$184	\$161
DAILY	\$0	\$0	\$38	\$34
PART-DAY	\$0	\$0	\$26	\$23
HOURLY	\$0	\$0	\$6.75	\$6.75

INFORMAL CHILD CARE
 STANDARD RATE

	AGE OF CHILD			
	<u>Under 2</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3 - 5</u>	<u>6-12</u>
WEEKLY	\$124	\$120	\$117	\$114
DAILY	\$26	\$26	\$25	\$23
PART-DAY	\$18	\$18	\$16	\$15
HOURLY	\$5.20	\$5.20	\$5.20	\$5.20

INFORMAL CHILD CARE
 ENHANCED RATE

	AGE OF CHILD			
	<u>Under 2</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3 - 5</u>	<u>6-12</u>
WEEKLY	\$133	\$130	\$126	\$123
DAILY	\$28	\$28	\$27	\$25
PART-DAY	\$19	\$19	\$18	\$16
HOURLY	\$5.60	\$5.60	\$5.60	\$5.60

GROUP 3 COUNTIES:

Allegany, Broome, Cattaraugus, Cayuga, Chautauqua, Chemung, Chenango, Clinton, Cortland, Delaware, Essex, Franklin, Fulton, Genesee, Greene, Hamilton, Herkimer, Jefferson, Lewis, Livingston, Madison, Montgomery, Niagara, Oneida, Orleans, Oswego, Otsego, Schoharie, Schuyler, Seneca, St. Lawrence, Steuben, Sullivan, Tioga, Washington, Wayne, Wyoming, and Yates

DAY CARE CENTER

	AGE OF CHILD			
	<u>Under 1 ½</u>	<u>1 ½ - 2</u>	<u>3 - 5</u>	<u>6-12</u>
WEEKLY	\$220	\$206	\$195	\$180
DAILY	\$48	\$45	\$44	\$39
PART-DAY	\$32	\$30	\$29	\$26
HOURLY	\$8.00	\$8.00	\$8.00	\$7.00

FAMILY DAY CARE HOME AND GROUP FAMILY DAY CARE HOME

	AGE OF CHILD			
	<u>Under 2</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3 - 5</u>	<u>6-12</u>
WEEKLY	\$160	\$150	\$150	\$150
DAILY	\$35	\$35	\$33	\$30
PART-DAY	\$23	\$23	\$22	\$20
HOURLY	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$5.00

SCHOOL-AGE CHILD CARE

	AGE OF CHILD			
	<u>Under 1 ½</u>	<u>1 ½ - 2</u>	<u>3 - 5</u>	<u>6-12</u>
WEEKLY	\$0	\$0	\$195	\$180
DAILY	\$0	\$0	\$44	\$39
PART-DAY	\$0	\$0	\$29	\$26
HOURLY	\$0	\$0	\$8.00	\$7.00

(Group 3 Counties)

LEGALLY-EXEMPT GROUP CHILD CARE STANDARD RATE

AGE OF CHILD

	<u>Under 1 ½</u>	<u>1 1/2 – 2</u>	<u>3 - 5</u>	<u>6-12</u>
WEEKLY	\$0	\$0	\$146	\$135
DAILY	\$0	\$0	\$33	\$29
PART-DAY	\$0	\$0	\$22	\$20
HOURLY	\$0	\$0	\$6.00	\$5.25

INFORMAL CHILD CARE
STANDARD RATE

AGE OF CHILD

	<u>Under 2</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3 - 5</u>	<u>6-12</u>
WEEKLY	\$104	\$98	\$98	\$98
DAILY	\$23	\$23	\$21	\$20
PART-DAY	\$15	\$15	\$14	\$13
HOURLY	\$3.25	\$3.25	\$3.25	\$3.25

INFORMAL CHILD CARE
ENHANCED RATE

AGE OF CHILD

	<u>Under 2</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3 - 5</u>	<u>6-12</u>
WEEKLY	\$112	\$105	\$105	\$105
DAILY	\$25	\$25	\$23	\$21
PART-DAY	\$16	\$16	\$15	\$14
HOURLY	\$3.50	\$3.50	\$3.50	\$3.50

**GROUP 4 COUNTIES:
Albany, Dutchess, Orange, Saratoga, and Ulster**

DAY CARE CENTER

	AGE OF CHILD			
	<u>Under 1 ½</u>	<u>1 ½ - 2</u>	<u>3 - 5</u>	<u>6-12</u>
WEEKLY	\$282	\$265	\$250	\$230
DAILY	\$59	\$55	\$52	\$50
PART-DAY	\$39	\$37	\$35	\$33
HOURLY	\$8.50	\$8.25	\$9.00	\$9.75

FAMILY DAY CARE HOME AND GROUP FAMILY DAY CARE HOME

	AGE OF CHILD			
	<u>Under 2</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3 - 5</u>	<u>6-12</u>
WEEKLY	\$225	\$210	\$200	\$200
DAILY	\$45	\$45	\$45	\$40
PART-DAY	\$30	\$30	\$30	\$27
HOURLY	\$8.75	\$8.75	\$8.50	\$9.00

SCHOOL-AGE CHILD CARE

	AGE OF CHILD			
	<u>Under 1 ½</u>	<u>1 ½ - 2</u>	<u>3 - 5</u>	<u>6-12</u>
WEEKLY	\$0	\$0	\$250	\$230
DAILY	\$0	\$0	\$52	\$50
PART-DAY	\$0	\$0	\$35	\$33
HOURLY	\$0	\$0	\$9.00	\$9.75

(Group 4 Counties)
 LEGALLY-EXEMPT GROUP CHILD CARE STANDARD RATE

	AGE OF CHILD			
	<u>Under 1 ½</u>	<u>1 1/2 – 2</u>	<u>3 - 5</u>	<u>6-12</u>
WEEKLY	\$0	\$0	\$188	\$173
DAILY	\$0	\$0	\$39	\$38
PART-DAY	\$0	\$0	\$26	\$25
HOURLY	\$0	\$0	\$6.75	\$7.31

INFORMAL CHILD CARE
 STANDARD RATE

	AGE OF CHILD			
	<u>Under 2</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3 - 5</u>	<u>6-12</u>
WEEKLY	\$146	\$137	\$130	\$130
DAILY	\$29	\$29	\$29	\$26
PART-DAY	\$20	\$20	\$20	\$18
HOURLY	\$5.69	\$5.69	\$5.53	\$5.85

INFORMAL CHILD CARE
 ENHANCED RATE

	AGE OF CHILD			
	<u>Under 2</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3 - 5</u>	<u>6-12</u>
WEEKLY	\$158	\$147	\$140	\$140
DAILY	\$32	\$32	\$32	\$28
PART-DAY	\$21	\$21	\$21	\$19
HOURLY	\$6.13	\$6.13	\$5.95	\$6.30

**GROUP 5 COUNTIES:
Bronx, Kings, New York, Queens, and Richmond**

DAY CARE CENTER

	AGE OF CHILD			
	<u>Under 1 ½</u>	<u>1 ½ - 2</u>	<u>3 - 5</u>	<u>6-12</u>
WEEKLY	\$406	\$315	\$289	\$236
DAILY	\$69	\$60	\$54	\$47
PART-DAY	\$46	\$40	\$36	\$31
HOURLY	\$15.75	\$17.00	\$15.75	\$10.00

FAMILY DAY CARE HOME AND GROUP FAMILY DAY CARE HOME

	AGE OF CHILD			
	<u>Under 2</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3 - 5</u>	<u>6-12</u>
WEEKLY	\$200	\$196	\$185	\$170
DAILY	\$40	\$40	\$35	\$35
PART-DAY	\$27	\$27	\$23	\$23
HOURLY	\$16.00	\$15.00	\$15.00	\$15.00

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DAILY	\$0	\$0	\$54	\$47
PART-DAY	\$0	\$0	\$36	\$31
HOURLY	\$0	\$0	\$15.75	\$10.00

(Group 5 Counties)
 LEGALLY-EXEMPT GROUP CHILD CARE STANDARD RATE

	AGE OF CHILD			
	<u>Under 1 ½</u>	<u>1 1/2 – 2</u>	<u>3 - 5</u>	<u>6-12</u>
WEEKLY	\$0	\$0	\$217	\$177
DAILY	\$0	\$0	\$41	\$35
PART-DAY	\$0	\$0	\$27	\$23
HOURLY	\$0	\$0	\$11.81	\$7.50

INFORMAL CHILD CARE
 STANDARD RATE

	AGE OF CHILD			
	<u>Under 2</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3 - 5</u>	<u>6-12</u>
WEEKLY	\$130	\$127	\$120	\$111
DAILY	\$26	\$26	\$23	\$23
PART-DAY	\$18	\$18	\$15	\$15
HOURLY	\$10.40	\$9.75	\$9.75	\$9.75

INFORMAL CHILD CARE
 ENHANCED RATE

	AGE OF CHILD			
	<u>Under 2</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3 - 5</u>	<u>6-12</u>
WEEKLY	\$140	\$137	\$130	\$119
DAILY	\$28	\$28	\$25	\$25
PART-DAY	\$19	\$19	\$16	\$16
HOURLY	\$11.20	\$10.50	\$10.50	\$10.50

SPECIAL NEEDS CHILD CARE

The rate of payment for child care services provided to a child determined to have special needs is the actual cost of care up to the statewide limit of the highest weekly, daily, part-day or hourly market rate for child care services in the state, as applicable, based on the amount of time the child care services are provided per week regardless of the type of child care provider used or the age of the child.

The highest full time market rate in the State is:

WEEKLY	\$ 406
DAILY	\$ 69
PART-DAY	\$ 46
HOURLY	\$ 17.00