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Administrative Directive

Transmittal:	20-OCFS-ADM-10
To:	Commissioners of Social Services Domestic Violence Residential Program Providers
Issuing Division/Office:	Administration
Date:	July 22, 2020
Subject:	Rest-of-State Domestic Violence State Aid Rates for January 1, 2020, Through December 31, 2020
Suggested Distribution:	Directors of Social Services Accounting Supervisors Rest-of-State Domestic Violence Residential Program Providers
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Attachments:	A - <i>ROS Domestic Violence Residential Programs 2020 Per Diem Rates</i> B - <i>Key to Agency-Specific Rate Chart</i> C - <i>Agency-Specific Rate Chart of 2020 ROS DV SARs</i>

Filing References

Previous ADMs/INFs	Releases Cancelled	NYS Regs.	Soc. Serv. Law & Other Legal Ref.	Manual Ref.	Misc. Ref.
19-OCFS-ADM-02		18 NYCRR Part 408	SSL §131 - u		

I. Purpose

The purpose of this Administrative Directive (ADM) is to issue the 2020 domestic violence state aid rates (DVSARs) for licensed domestic violence (DV) residential programs outside of the five boroughs of New York City (Rest of State). These DVSARs are for the period January 1, 2020, through December 31, 2020. A separate directive is issued for licensed DV residential programs located within the five boroughs of New York City.

II. Background

The New York State Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS) issues DVSARs annually to local departments of social services (LDSSs) in an ADM, advising them of the methodology approved by the New York State Division of the Budget (DOB) for the purchase of services from licensed agencies providing residential DV services. Rates contained in these ADMs must be used by the LDSSs in the contracts they negotiate with providers of DV services. Issuance of these rates is governed by Social Services Law §131-u and the applicable regulations at 18 NYCRR Part 408.

III. Program Implications

The DVSARs promulgated in this ADM have been calculated using the DOB-approved 2020 rate methodology for Rest-of-State (ROS) DV residential programs, which is the same methodology used in previous years.

Additionally, the FY 2021 Enacted Budget includes a \$5 million appropriation for a pilot program to provide flexible, survivor-centered services to individuals and families who have experienced domestic violence. Residential DV Shelter providers that participate in this pilot program, which shall be cost neutral to such providers, will no longer be eligible to receive reimbursement via the per diem rate authorized in this ADM, but will instead receive funding pursuant to the terms of the pilot program. Additional information on the pilot program will be forthcoming.

The approved rate methodology for licensed ROS DV residential programs includes the following features:

- The DV Flat Per Diem Rates for 2020 include the following cost of living adjustment (COLA) factors:
 - Personal Service (PS) = 3.25 percent
 - Non-Personal Service (NPS) = 1.5 percent
 - Food Add-On = 2.3 percent
- DV Per Diem Rates established by the LDSSs prior to the implementation of the current DV rate methodology continue to be grandfathered in where those rates are higher than the applicable DV Flat Per Diem Rate. Affected programs will continue to receive the higher of either the grandfathered-in rate or the DV Flat Per Diem Rate as the basis for determining the current DVSARs for those programs.
- Programs that reported surpluses from government income in the base year no longer have DVSARs that reflect a calculated rate reduction factor. The revision made in 16-OCFS-ADM-03 of the DVSAR allocation methodology that was originally set forth in 92 LCM-34 has eliminated the surplus penalty from the DVSAR methodology.

- The Food Add-On component of the DVSARs is a negotiated item between the DV residential program agency and the LDSS where the program is located. The Food Add-On Rate is included in DVSARs when the agency and the LDSS formally request it in writing to OCFS. Thereafter, the Food Add-On Rate is included as part of the DVSAR for the specified program until OCFS is otherwise notified.
- 17-OCFS-ADM-16 indicates that residential DV programs are responsible for the background check costs and may not require applicants to pay it. Applicants include employees, volunteers, consultants, and contractors. DV agencies should track background check costs and include them in line 18, Dues/Licenses/Permits, of the OCFS-DV-2652, *Report of Actual Expenditures*. The current 1.5 percent increase in the NPS portion of the DV Flat Per Diem Rate should defray these costs. OCFS will monitor the costs in line 18 and reevaluate whether reimbursement is sufficient to cover these costs in future years.
- Agencies that did not submit the Domestic Violence Standards of Payment (DVSOP) submission for the 2018 reporting period are not receiving a new DVSAR for 2020. For those agencies, the 2019 rate will stay in effect until which time their submission is completed and an updated rate for 2020 is requested and approved.
- OCFS will consider revisions to a DVSAR for the following reasons:
 - The Food Add-On Rate needs to be either added or deleted from the DVSAR.
 - The DVSAR reflects an incorrect DV Flat Rate Per Diem for the program type and size.

Agencies have thirty (30) days from the issuance of a DVSAR to appeal the published rate. All appeals must be made in writing and mailed to:

**Karen Williams, Section Head
Rates Section
Bureau of Budget Management
New York State Office of Children and Family Services
52 Washington Street, Room 314 South
Rensselaer, NY 12144**

IV. Required Action

The DVSAR rates noted in Attachments A and C must be paid by the LDSS to licensed DV residential agencies providing residential care to eligible victims of domestic violence during the period of January 1, 2020, through December 31, 2020.

V. Effective Date

The effective date of this policy is January 1, 2020.

/s/ Derek J. Holtzclaw

Issued by:

Name: Derek J. Holtzclaw

Title: Deputy Commissioner for Administration

Division/Office: Administration

ATTACHMENT A**NEW YORK STATE OFFICE OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES
STATE AID RATES FOR RESIDENTIAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PROGRAMS****REST-OF-STATE
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE RESIDENTIAL PROGRAMS
2020 PER DIEM RATES****EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2020, THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2020**

DV Program Type	2020 Base Rate	2020 Food Add-On
20 Beds or Less Shelter	\$112.57	\$6.27
21 Beds or More Shelter	\$93.05	\$6.27
Safe Dwelling	\$88.17	\$8.95
Safe Home Network	\$39.29	\$8.95

ATTACHMENT B

**NEW YORK STATE OFFICE OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES
STATE AID RATES FOR RESIDENTIAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PROGRAMS**

K E Y: AGENCY-SPECIFIC RATE CHART

The following codes may appear in the columns that specify the rates for each program:

CODE: This is the Facility ID. The first letter identifies the regional office responsible for oversight, as follows:

- B: Buffalo Regional Office
- R: Rochester Regional Office
- S: Syracuse Regional Office
- A: Albany Regional Office
- Y: Westchester Regional Office

FI: The FI column indicates whether the DVSAR includes a Food Add-On Rate. An F in that column indicates that a Food Add-On Rate is included in the DVSAR.

ATTACHMENT C

**NEW YORK STATE OFFICE OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES
STATE AID RATES FOR RESIDENTIAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PROGRAMS**

**AGENCY-SPECIFIC RATE CHART
REST OF STATE
JANUARY 1, 2020 – DECEMBER 31, 2020**

AGENCY	CODE	PROGRAM OR SHELTER	FI	SAFE DWELLING	FI	SAFE HOME	FI
Advocacy Center of Tompkins County, The	S501338			\$97.12	F		
ACCORD, Inc.	B021310			\$97.12	F		
A New Hope Center, Inc. – Family Violence Project	S491413					\$39.29	
A New Hope Center, Inc. – New Hope House	S491341			\$88.17			
Behavioral Health Services North	A091300 A091323			\$88.17			
Brighter Tomorrows, Inc.	Y471102	\$118.84	F				
Catholic Charities of Schoharie County	A431317			\$97.12	F		
Catholic Charities Domestic Violence Program of Herkimer County	S211340			\$97.12	F		
Catholic Charities Domestic Violence Project of Warren and Washington Counties	A413344			\$97.12	F		
Catholic Charities of Montgomery County	A271353			\$97.12	F		
Cattaraugus Community Action, Inc.	B041313			\$88.17			
Cayuga/Seneca Community Action Agency, Inc.	S051307			\$88.17			
Center for Safety & Change, Inc.	Y391205	\$118.84	F				
Chances and Changes, Inc.	R241101	\$118.84	F				

AGENCY	CODE	PROGRAM OR SHELTER	FI	SAFE DWELLING	FI	SAFE HOME	FI
Child and Family Services of Erie County	B142218	\$93.05					
Community Action of Greene County, Inc. – Columbia County	A191215	\$118.84	F				
Community Action of Greene County, Inc. – Greene County	A191244	\$118.84	F				
Delaware Opportunities Inc.	A121321			\$88.17			
Domestic Violence and Rape Crisis Services of Saratoga County DBA Wellspring	A411311			\$97.12	F		
Equinox, Inc.	A011201	\$99.32	F				
Family Counseling Center of Fulton County, Inc., The	A171325			\$97.12	F		
Family of Woodstock Inc.	Y511211	\$118.84	F				
Fearless! Hudson Valley Inc.	Y331234	\$118.84	F				
Grace Smith House, Inc.	Y131208	\$108.96	F				
Hope's Door, Inc.	Y552231	\$118.84	F				
House of Faith Ministry, Inc.	Y081200		F				
Lewis County Opportunities, Inc.	S231339			\$88.17			
L.I. Against Domestic Violence Inc.	Y472210	\$118.84	F				
Liberty Resources, Inc.	S251318			\$88.17			
My Sisters' Place	Y551232	\$118.84	F				
Opportunities for Otsego, Inc.	A361301			\$97.12	F		
Oswego County Opportunities, Inc.	S351104	\$118.84	F				
Pathstone Corporation	B341309			\$97.12	F		
Pinnacle Community Services Inc.	B291109	\$118.84	F				
Putnam/Northern Westchester Women's Resource Center, Inc.	Y371236	\$118.84	F				

AGENCY	CODE	PROGRAM OR SHELTER	FI	SAFE DWELLING	FI	SAFE HOME	FI
Retreat Inc.	Y473235	\$118.84	F				
Salvation Army Agnes Home Women's Shelter (Jamestown)	B061105	\$118.84	F				
Salvation Army Safehouse (Elmira)	R071229		F				
S.O.S. Shelter, Inc. DBA Rise NY	S031230	\$118.84	F				
Steuben Churchpeople Against Poverty, Incorporated dba Arbor Development	R461128	\$118.84	F				
St. Lawrence Valley Renewal House for Victims of Family Violence, Inc.	S451304			\$88.17			
St. Lawrence Valley Renewal House for Victims of Family Violence, Inc.	S451402					\$39.29	
The Safe Center LI, Inc.	Y281214	\$118.84	F				
Unity House of Troy, Inc.	A381217	\$102.92	F				
Vera House, Inc.	S311101	\$99.32	F				
Vera House, Inc. - Vera House North	S311303			\$97.12	F		
Victim Resource Center of the Finger Lakes, Inc.	R541337 R541356			\$88.17			
Victims Assistance Center of Jefferson County, Inc.	S221103	\$118.84	F				
Willow Domestic Violence Center of Greater Rochester, Inc.	R261226	\$99.32	F				
Young Women's Christian Association of Cortland, New York, Inc.	S111342			\$88.17			
Young Women's Christian Association of Schenectady	A421216	\$118.84	F				
YWCA of Genesee County, Inc.	B181308			\$97.12	F		
YWCA of the Mohawk Valley - Hall House	S301108	\$118.84	F				

AGENCY	CODE	PROGRAM OR SHELTER	FI	SAFE DWELLING	FI	SAFE HOME	FI
YWCA of the Mohawk Valley – Lucy’s House	S301349			\$97.12	F		
YWCA of the Niagara Frontier, Inc.	B292316			\$97.12	F		