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Administrative Directive

Transmittal:	21-OCFS-ADM-25
To:	Commissioners of Social Services Domestic Violence Residential Program Providers Administration
Issuing Division/Office:	Division of Administration
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Subject:	Rest-of-State Domestic Violence State Aid Rates for January 1, 2021, Through December 31, 2021
Suggested Distribution:	Directors of Services Accounting Supervisors
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Attachments:	A – <i>ROS Domestic Violence State Aide Rates for Residential Programs 2021 DV Per Diem Flat Rates</i> B – <i>Key to Agency-Specific Rate Chart</i> C – <i>ROS Domestic Violence Residential Programs 2021 DV Per Diem Flat Rates</i>

Filing References

Previous ADMs/INFs	Releases Cancelled	NYS Regs.	Soc. Serv. Law & Other Legal Ref.	Manual Ref.	Misc. Ref.
20-OCFS-ADM-10 19-OCFS-ADM-16		18 NYCRR Part 408	SSL-131u		

I. Purpose

The purpose of this Administrative Directive (ADM) is to issue the Rate Year (RY) 2021 Domestic Violence State Aide Rates (DVSAR) for licensed domestic violence (DV) residential programs outside of the five boroughs of New York City (rest of estate, ROS). These DVSARs are for the period January 1, 2021, through December 31, 2021. 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 department of social services (LDSS) in an ADM, advising districts of the methodology approved by the New York State Division of the Budget (DOB) for the purchase of services for licensed agencies providing DV services. Rates contained in this ADM must be used by the LDSSs in the contracts they negotiate with residential providers of DV services. Issuance of these rates is governed by Social Services Law §131-u and the applicable regulations of 18 NYCRR Part 408.

III. Program Implications

The DVSAR promulgated in this ADM have been calculated using the DOB-approved RY 2021 rate methodology for ROS DV residential programs, which is the same methodology used in prior years.

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

- The DV Flat Per Diem Rates for RY 2021 include the following cost of living (COLA) adjustments:
 - Personal Service (PS) = 3.25%
 - Non-Personal Service (NPS) = 1.8%
 - Food Add-On = 1.6%
- DV Per Diem Rates established by LDSS prior to the implementation of the current DV-rate methodology continue to be grandfathered in where those rates are higher than the applicated 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 will no longer have DVSARs that reflect a calculated 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 DVSAR 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 the DVSAR when the agency and the LDSS formally request the Food Add-On Rate in writing to OCFS. Therefore, 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 costs of background checks and may not require applicants to pay for it. Applicants include employees, volunteers, consultants, and contractors. DV agencies must continue to track the cost of background checks and include them in line 18, Dues/Licenses/Permits, per 18-OCFS-ADM-12, on the OCFS-DV-2562, Report of Annual Expenditures.

- Agencies that did not submit the Domestic Violence Standards of Payment (DVSOP) submission for the 2019 reporting period will not receive a new DVSAR for RY 2021. The 2020 rate will remain in effect for those agencies and programs until which time the submission is completed and an updated rate for RY 2021 is requested.
- OCFS will consider revisions to a DVSAR for the following reasons:
 - The Food Add-On Rate needs to be added or deleted from the base DVSAR.
 - The DVSAR reflects an incorrect DV Flat Per Diem Rate for the program type and size.

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

Karen M. Williams, Section Head
Rate Setting Unit
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 noted in Attachment A and C of this ADM must be paid by the LDSSs to licensed DV residential agencies providing residential DV services and care to eligible victims of DV during the period of January 1, 2021, through December 31, 2021.

V. Effective Date

This directive is effective as of January 1, 2021.

/s/ Derek J. Holtzclaw _____

Issued by:
Name: Derek J. Holtzclaw
Title: Deputy Commissioner for Administration
Division/Office: Division of Administration

Attachment A**New York State Office of Children and Family Services****Rest-of-State
Domestic Violence State Aid Rates for Residential Programs
2021 DV Per Diem Flat Rates****Effective January 1, 2021, through December 31, 2021**

DV Program Type	2021 Base Rate	2021 Food Add-On Rate
20 beds or less shelter	\$115.95	\$6.37
21 beds or more shelter	\$95.80	\$6.37
Safe Dwelling	\$90.88	\$9.09
Safe Home Network	\$40.48	\$9.09

Attachment B**New York State Office of Children and Family Services****Rest-of-State
Domestic Violence State Aid Rates for Residential Programs****Key to 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:
- A: Albany Regional Office
 - B: Buffalo Regional Office
 - R: Rochester Regional Office
 - S: Syracuse Regional Office
 - Y: Westchester Regional Office
- UR:** The UR column indicates if the DVSAR is under review for the agency. If a "U" is listed in this column, the agency's prior year rate remains in effect until further notice.
- FI:** The FI column indicates if the program has been approved to receive a Food Add-On Rate. An "F" in this column indicates that a Food Add-On Rate is included in the DVSAR.

Attachment C

New York State Office of Children and Family Services

Rest-of-State Domestic Violence Residential Programs 2021 DV Per Diem Flat Rates						
Effective January 1, 2021, through December 31, 2021						
Agency	Code	UR	Program or Shelter	Safe Dwelling	Safe Home	FI
A New Hope Center Inc. - Family Violence Project	S491413				\$40.48	
A New Hope Center Inc. - New Hope House	S491341			\$90.88		
Advocacy Center of Tompkins Inc., The	S501338			\$99.97		F
Allegany County Community Opportunities and Rural Development (ACCORD), Inc.	B021310			\$99.97		F
Behavioral Health Services North, Inc.	A091300 A091323			\$90.88		
Brighter Tomorrows, Inc.	Y471102		\$122.32			F
Catholic Charities of Herkimer County	S211340			\$99.97		F
Catholic Charities of Montgomery County	A271353			\$99.97		F
Catholic Charities of Saratoga, Warren, and Washington Counties	A413344			\$99.97		F
Catholic Charities of Schoharie County	A431317			\$99.97		F
Cattaraugus Community Action Inc., DBA Connecting Communities in Action	B041313			\$90.88		
Cayuga/Seneca Community Action Agency, Inc., DBA Community Action Programs of Cayuga Seneca	S051307			\$90.88		
Center for Safety and Change, Inc.	Y391205	U				
Chances and Changes Inc.	R241101		\$122.32			F
Child and Family Services of Erie County	B142218		\$95.80			

Agency	Code	UR	Program or Shelter	Safe Dwelling	Safe Home	FI
Community Action of Green County Inc. - Columbia County	A191215		\$122.32			F
Community Action of Green County Inc. - Greene County	A191244		\$122.32			F
Delaware Opportunities Inc.	A121321			\$90.88		
Domestic Violence and Rape Crisis Services of Saratoga County, DBA Wellspring	A411311			\$99.97		F
Equinox, Inc.	A011201		\$102.17			F
Family Counseling Center of Fulton County, Inc., The	A171325			\$99.97		F
Family of Woodstock Inc.	Y511211		\$122.32			F
Fearless! Hudson Valley Inc. – Shelter I	Y331234		\$122.32			F
Fearless! Hudson Valley Inc. – Shelter II	Y331200		\$122.32			F
Grace Smith House, Inc.	Y131208		\$108.96			F
Hope's Door, Inc.	Y552231		\$122.32			F
House of Family Ministry Inc., DBA Hudson Valley House of Hope	Y081200	U				
L.I. Against Domestic Violence Inc.	Y472210		\$122.32			F
Lewis County Opportunities Inc.	S231339			\$90.88		
Liberty Resources Inc.	S251318			\$90.88		
My Sisters' Place	Y551232		\$122.32			F
Opportunities for Otsego Inc.	A361301			\$99.97		F
Oswego County Opportunities Inc.	S351104		\$122.32			F
Pathstone Corporation	B341309	U				
Pinnacle Community Services Inc.	B291109		\$122.32			F
Putnam/Northern Westchester Women's Resource Center Inc.	Y371236		\$122.32			F
Retreat Inc., The	Y473235		\$122.32			F
S.O.S. Shelter Inc., DBA Rise- NY	S031230		\$122.32			F
Safe Center LI Inc., The	Y281214		\$122.32			F

Agency	Code	UR	Program or Shelter	Safe Dwelling	Safe Home	FI
Salvation Army Anew Center (Jamestown)	B061105		\$122.32			F
Salvation Army Safehouse (Elmira)	R071229		\$122.32			F
St. Lawrence Valley Renewal House for Victims of Family Violence Inc. - Renewal House Safe Dwelling	S451304			\$90.88		
St. Lawrence Valley Renewal House for Victims of Family Violence Inc. - Renewal House Safe Home Network	S451402				\$40.48	
Steuben Churchpeople Against Poverty, DBA Arbor Development	R461128		\$122.32			F
Unity House of Troy, Inc.	A381217		\$102.92			F
Vera House Inc.	S311101		\$102.17			F
Vera House Inc. - Vera House North	S311303			\$99.97		F
Victim Resource Center of the Finger Lakes Inc.	R541337 R541356			\$90.88		
Victims Assistance Center of Jefferson County Inc.	S221103		\$122.32			F
Willow Domestic Violence Center of Greater Rochester Inc.	R261226		\$102.17			F
Young Women's Christian Association of Cortland, New York Inc.	S111342			\$90.88		
Young Women's Christian Association of Schenectady	A421216		\$122.32			F
YWCA of Genesee County Inc.	B181308			\$99.97		F
YWCA of the Mohawk Valley - Hall House	S301108		\$122.32			F
YWCA of the Mohawk Valley - Lucy's House	S301349			\$99.97		F
YWCA of the Niagara Frontier Inc.	B292316			\$99.97		F