



**Office of Children  
and Family Services**

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April 4, 2022

Mr. Anthony Turano, Commissioner  
Cattaraugus County Department of Social Services  
1 Leo Moss Drive  
Orleans, NY 14760

Dear Commissioner Turano:

This letter is in response to your request to amend Cattaraugus County's Child and Family Services 2021 Child Care. Cattaraugus County has proposed to amend the plan as follows:

- Appendix M #1: Reasonable Distance, Recertification Period, Family Share, Very Low Income, Federal and Local Priorities  
Cattaraugus County has requested to lower their family share percentage from 10% to 1%. As of March 30, 2022, the family share is 1%.
- Appendix R: Payment to Child Care Providers for Absences  
Cattaraugus County has requested to expand allowable absences. In addition to the required 24 absences, Cattaraugus County will be expanding to allow an additional 56 absences for a maximum of 80 absences per fiscal year. The district has not limited the additional absences and will be allowed for all modalities.
- Appendix Q: Additional Local Standards for Child Care Providers  
Cattaraugus County has requested to discontinue the additional standard for the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP). The county will no longer require providers caring for subsidized children for 30 hours or more a week to participate in the CACFP.

This request has been approved with an effective date of March 30, 2022.

If you have any questions regarding this approval or the child care section within your district's Child and Family Services 2021 Child Care Plan, please contact Darci Primeau at (518) 474-9095 or via email at [Darci.Primeau@ocfs.ny.gov](mailto:Darci.Primeau@ocfs.ny.gov).

Sincerely,

Janice M. Molnar, Ph.D.  
Deputy Commissioner  
Division of Child Care Services

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