



## Office of Children and Family Services

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March 14, 2022

Mr. Robert Gibson, Commissioner  
Columbia County Department of Social Services  
25 Railroad Avenue, P.O. Box 458  
Hudson, NY 12534

Dear Commissioner Gibson:

This letter is in response to your request to amend Columbia County's Child and Family Services 2021 Child Care Plan. Columbia County has proposed to amend the following:

Proposed changes:

**In Appendix L:**

#4B. Columbia County will now assist families with incomes up to 200% of the SIS when childcare services are needed for the child to be protected because the child's caretaker has family duties away from home. – Verification required.

#8 We will change this to yes in the County plan. – Verification required (Education verification form, and School Advisor Verification form).

#9. We will change this to yes in the County plan. – Verification required (Education verification form, and School Advisor Verification form).

#10. We Will change this to yes in the County plan. – Verification required (Education verification form, and School Advisor Verification form).

**In appendix M #1:**

III. We would like to change the Family Share Percentage to 5%.

In appendix R:

We would like to increase our absences:

Required absences paid per year: 24  
Additional absences paid per year: 56  
Total absences paid per year: 80

Your request has been approved with an effective date of March 9, 2022.

If you have any questions regarding this approval or the child care section found in 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,



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Deputy Commissioner  
Division of Child Care Services

Attachment