



**Office of Children  
and Family Services**

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Commissioner

March 7, 2022

Ms. Sarah Merrick, Commissioner  
Onondaga County Department of Social Services  
421 Montgomery Street  
Syracuse, NY 13202

Dear Commissioner Merrick:

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

Proposed changes:

1. Appendix L: Other Eligible Families if Funds are Available

Onondaga County has requested to change all item options under Appendix L to "Yes" except for option #5. Additionally, Onondaga requested to change limitations to options 2a, 8 and 9 to remove all language under the limitation. As well as to change options 7f and 7g to remove limitations numbered 4 and 5 from each.

2. Appendix M#1: III. Family Share

Onondaga County has requested to lower their family share percentage to 1% from the current 10% effective March 1, 2022.

3. Appendix R: Payment to Child Care Providers for Absences

Onondaga County has requested to expand allowable absences. In addition to the required 24 absences, it is requested that there will be an additional 28 absences for a maximum of 52 absences per fiscal year.

Your request has been approved with an effective date of March 1, 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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Division of Child Care Services